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EDITORIAL

Readers of the *Register* will notice that something is different about this issue. The cover is a different color and it has more pages. Closer inspection will reveal that the cover announces this issue includes a first annual supplement, *American Ancestors Journal*, designed to provide readers with genealogical content of national scope, with an emphasis on New York State and out migration from New England. No connection to New England is required for articles in *American Ancestors Journal*, although two of the articles in this first issue have such a connection.

Comparably, *Register* articles often have connections to other colonies and states, as shown in this issue. John² Whelden's oldest son settled in Cape May, New Jersey. One of Anna (Wheeler) Halsey's children settled in New Jersey, one settled in Stonington, Connecticut, and the rest stayed in Southampton, Long Island. And the last family group treated in the Blake article was in South Carolina. In earlier *Register* articles this year, we find several Mead family members moving from Connecticut to New York City, upstate New York, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. Some Porter children moved to Pennsylvania. And Jonathan² Standley moved to North Carolina.

These are the types of connections we should expect to find in *Register* articles, also keeping in mind possible connections to English colonies further south, particularly Barbados and Bermuda, and to England itself.

The lead article in this issue is **Peter and Jane (____) Freeman of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and Their Descendants in Maine: An African-American Family**. Author Bruno Giles has traced the descendants of this Freeman family who moved from Ipswich to Maine towards the end of the American Revolution. Despite no probate records and relatively few birth records, the family left many deeds and other records to separate them from other families with this common surname. And some of the family settled in towns like Brunswick with good records.

Although **The Origin of Gabriel¹ Whelden of Yarmouth and Malden, Massachusetts**, was known to have been in Nottinghamshire, England, the exact parish of origin was not previously known. Authors Jan Porter and Daniel F. Stramara, Jr., show that Gabriel Whelden was from Basford, Nottinghamshire, where all his known children were baptized. Documents at the University of Nottingham, calendared online, detail Gabriel's disposition of his property prior to immigration to New England in 1638 or 1639. It is extremely rare to find such an extensive record for a Great Migration colonist.

When author Mary M. Thacher came across a 1731 deed in Preston, Connecticut, listing the children of Jeremiah Halsey of Southampton, Long

Island, as grandchildren of Isaac Wheeler, she knew she had found something valuable. The resulting article is **Identifying Anna Wheeler of Stonington, Connecticut (1675–1714), as the First Wife of Jeremiah Halsey of Southampton, Long Island**. No work on the Halsey family had identified Jeremiah's first wife, who was the mother of all his children. The 1731 deed lists two married daughters and their White husbands of Southampton, and a third daughter, Anna Pennington of Newark, New Jersey, widow. However, no White or Pennington genealogy had identified these wives as Halseys.

Part 2 of **Nathaniel Porter (1692–1758) of Farmington and Bethlehem, Connecticut, and His Family**, treats three of his children, one of whom moved north to Great Barrington, Massachusetts. When necessary, authors Bryson Caldwell Cook and Janet Stacey Porter have reviewed more than one version of vital records to make sure all grandchildren are accurately listed. Son Nathaniel Porter, Jr., married Abigail Joslin, whose sister Rebecca Joslin married Nathaniel's younger brother John Porter (as will be shown in Part 3). Since the standard account of the Joslin family of East Haven, Connecticut, omitted Rebecca and several of her siblings, a footnote includes probate research showing that Rebecca was indeed Abigail's sister.

In Part 2 of **Revised Ancestry for William Moulton of Hampton, New Hampshire, Including Some Revisions of the Early Ancestry of His New England Cousins**, author Myrtle Stevens Hyde presents research on the families of Watts, Grene, and Taylor, all ancestral to William Moulton in England. As with Part 1, the author's work is based on articles published in the *Register* between 1987 and 1993. However, her additional research has resulted in more complete and reliable accounts of these three families.

Clifford L. Stott, in Part 3 of **Humphrey Blake (1494?–1558), and His Descendants in New England and South Carolina: Blake, Richards, Selleck, Torrey, and Wolcott**, treats the parents of the four immigrant Torrey brothers; the parents of David¹ Selleck; Elizabeth¹ (Saunders) Wolcott of Windsor, Connecticut, and her children; William¹ Blake of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and his children; Benjamin¹ Blake of South Carolina and his children; and Thomas¹ Richards of Weymouth, Massachusetts, and his children. Full detail is given for all spouses, including the names of their parents (when known).

The **Hawks Family Record** gives the vital statistics between 1782 and 1846 for the family of Eleazer Hawks of Charlemont and Goshen, Massachusetts, and his two wives, Polly Dresser and Rhoda (Willcutt) Ball. This family record clarifies and expands the account of Eleazer Hawks in the 1989 John Hawks genealogy at pages 223–25.

There are **Additions and Corrections**, all of which relate to articles published between 2005 and 2009.

– Henry B. Hoff

PETER AND JANE (____) FREEMAN OF IPSWICH,
MASSACHUSETTS, AND THEIR DESCENDANTS IN MAINE:
AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILY

Bruno Giles

Members of this Freeman family moved from Essex County, Massachusetts, to Maine between 1778 and 1783. As might be expected when dealing with a common surname in Maine, connecting the descendants to each other was somewhat difficult, especially with no probate records and relatively few birth records. Because the family was African American, research was focused on records of African Americans in Maine. This focus helped isolate those Maine residents who might belong to this family.

1. PETER¹ FREEMAN was born say 1726 (assuming age 25 at marriage), presumably in Massachusetts, parentage unknown. He married with intentions recorded at Ipswich, Massachusetts, 11 May 1751, **JANE** ____; they were described, without surnames, as “Negroes . . . servants belonging to Mr. Staniford and Mr. Lord.”^[1] She was baptized at Ipswich 3 April 1743 as Jane, “servant to Phillip Lord.”^[2]

Peter Freeman died between 1761 (youngest child was baptized 16 May 1762) and 25 July 1778, when the marriage intentions of Mrs. Jean Freeman of Ipswich and Mr. Anthony Griffen of Brunswick were recorded at Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine.^[3] They were married at Ipswich in August 1778.^[4] Anthony Griffin was the widower of Maria Moses, whom he had married at Scituate, Massachusetts, 21 May 1749.^[5]

¹ *Vital Records of Ipswich, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 3 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1910–19), 2:471, from town records. Slavery was effectively outlawed in Massachusetts in 1780.

² *Ibid.*, 1:404.

³ Joseph C. Anderson II, *Vital Records of Brunswick, Maine, 1740–1860* . . . (Rockport, Maine: Picton Press, 2004), 129. Since the research for this article was largely completed before 2004, the original vital records for Brunswick were consulted at the Brunswick Town Hall [and they are also available on microfilm from the Family History Library]. Only when there is a disagreement with the published version will original vital records be cited.

⁴ *Vital Records of Ipswich* [note 1], 2:175, from town records.

⁵ *Vital Records of Scituate, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1909), 2:134 (marriage and intentions dated 4 February 1748[9]). Their children recorded at Scituate (*ibid.*, 1:165) were *Jemima Griffin*, born 23 August 1750, who married at Brunswick, Maine, 4 March 1778, Tobias Hill (Anderson, *Vital Records of Brunswick* [note 3], 93, 129); their son Sandy Hill married Lydia Wilson (#6 below); and *Bristol Griffin* [recorded as “Bristah”], born 28 November 1752, who was a Revolutionary War soldier (Eric G. Grundset, ed., *Forgotten Patriots: African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War* [Washington, D.C.: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 2008], 22). Younger children probably included *Leah Griffin*, who married at Brunswick 24 March 1781, John Freeman (#4 below); *Anthony Griffin*, who married at Brunswick 21 March 1788, Ede Grouch (Anderson, *Vital Records*

Jane's sons John and Peter Freeman remained in Ipswich, and did not move to Maine until about 1783, as indicated by John's pension application for Revolutionary War service (see below).

On 27 April 1784, Peter and John Freeman sold a quarter of an acre in Ipswich, with house and barn, for 40 pounds on behalf of Anthony and Jenny Griffin of Brunswick, Maine; Caesar and Lydia Freeman of Lyndeborough, New Hampshire; and Philip and Jean Wilson of Topsham, Maine.^[6]

Anthony Griffin has not been found in the 1790 census of Maine as a head of household, but he or his son does appear in the 1800 census of Brunswick as head of a household of five other free persons.^[7] In the 1810 census of Brunswick, he or his son was head of a household of five other free persons.^[8] In the 1820 census of Brunswick, he or his son was head of a household of one other free person.^[9] No one named Anthony Griffin (or Jane/Jean Griffin) has been found as a head of household in Maine in the 1830 or later censuses.

Children of Peter¹ and Jane (____) Freeman, all baptized at Ipswich:^[10]

- i. PETER² FREEMAN, bp. 20 Oct. 1751; d. evidently before 25 or 26 June 1757 when another son Peter was baptized.
2. ii. JANE FREEMAN, bp. 17 Dec. 1752; m. PHILIP WILSON.
3. iii. LYDIA FREEMAN, bp. 28 or 29 June 1755; m. CAESAR FREEMAN.
- iv. PETER FREEMAN, bp. 25 or 26 June 1757; d. evidently before 16 May 1762 when another son Peter was baptized.
4. v. JOHN FREEMAN, bp. 29 July 1759; m. LEAH GRIFFIN.
5. vi. PETER FREEMAN, bp. 16 May 1762; m. MARGARET BOWERS.

2. JANE² FREEMAN (*Peter¹*) was baptized at Ipswich, Massachusetts, 17 December 1752. She died after 11 August 1832 (the date of her brother John's Revolutionary War pension application, see below), presumably in Maine. She married at Brunswick, Maine, 10 June 1779, **PHILIP WILSON**.^[11] They were living at Topsham, Lincoln County, Maine, by 27 April 1784, when the family sold their land in Ipswich (see above). On 8 September 1829, Peter Freeman conveyed half of Stony Island in Brunswick to [his sister] Jane Wilson, and the same day she conveyed the same property to [her daughter] Lydia Hill and Lydia's husband Sandy Hill.^[12]

of Brunswick, 95, 134); and *Reuben Griffin*, who married with intentions at Georgetown, Maine, dated 1 December 1781, Susannah Edwards (Mary Pelham Hill, ed., *Vital Records of Georgetown, Maine, to the Year 1892*, 2 vols. [Portland, Maine: Maine Historical Society, 1939–41], 2:51).

⁶ Essex County Deeds, 160:192.

⁷ 1800 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine, roll 6, p. 4. Anthony Griffin is listed between Reuben Griffin and Peter Freeman. The online federal census at *Ancestry.com* has been used for this article.

⁸ 1810 U.S. Census, Brunswick, roll 11, p. 82.

⁹ 1820 U.S. Census, Brunswick, roll 34, p. 392.

¹⁰ *Vital Records of Ipswich* [note 1], 1:151; 3:13.

¹¹ Anderson, *Vital Records of Brunswick* [note 3], 129.

¹² Cumberland County Deeds, 18:329.

Philip Wilson has not been found in the 1790 census of Maine as a head of household, but he does appear in the 1800 census of Topsham as head of a household of seven other free persons.^[13] In the 1810 census of Bath, Maine, he was head of a household of four other free persons.^[14] Neither he nor Jane has been found as a head of household in the 1820 or later censuses.

Child of Philip and Jane (Freeman) Wilson:

6. i. LYDIA WILSON, b. Maine ca. 1780;^[15] m. SANDY HILL.

3. LYDIA² FREEMAN (*Peter*¹) was baptized at Ipswich, Massachusetts, 28 or 29 June 1755. She married at Ipswich 18 July 1774, **CAESAR FREEMAN**.^[16] As Caesar Freeman of Amherst, he bought thirty acres in Amherst, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, on 11 February 1778.^[17] They were living at Lyndeborough in the same county by 27 April 1784 when the family sold their land in Ipswich (see above). Perhaps either Lydia or Caesar was closely related to Sampson Freeman (1765–1843), also of Ipswich, Lyndeborough, Amherst, and various places in Maine; see the Appendix at the end of Part 2 of this article for an account of Sampson Freeman and his family.

In the 1790 census of Bowdoin, Lincoln County, Maine, Caesar Freeman was head of a household of eight other free persons.^[18] On 4 September 1794, Caesar Freeman and John Freeman, both of Bowdoin, bought 180 acres in Bowdoin from Willis Hall.^[19] In the 1800 census of Bowdoin, Caesar Freeman was head of a household of nine other free persons.^[20] On 27 July 1805, John Freeman of Bath, Maine, sold his share of the Bowdoin tract to Caesar Freeman, and the same day Caesar mortgaged the 180 acres to Benjamin Hasey of Topsham.^[21] In the 1810 census of Bowdoin, Caesar was head of a household of eight free persons.^[22] On 27 February 1808, Caesar Freeman and wife Lydia redeemed ninety acres in Bowdoin from Willis Hall, who must have held an earlier mortgage, and on 6 January 1819, Hasey discharged the mortgage he held.^[23] In the 1820 census of Bowdoin, Caesar Freeman was head of a household of eight other free persons.^[24] Neither he nor Lydia has been found as a head of household in the 1830 or later censuses.

¹³ 1800 U.S. Census, Topsham, Lincoln County, Maine, roll 6, p. 486.

¹⁴ 1810 U.S. Census, Bath, Lincoln County, Maine, roll 12, p. 343.

¹⁵ Based on Lydia's age in census records (see below).

¹⁶ *Vital Records of Ipswich* [note 1], 2:471, from records of the Hamlet Parish Church.

¹⁷ Hillsborough County Deeds, 8:237.

¹⁸ 1790 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln County, Maine, roll 2, p. 25.

¹⁹ Lincoln County Deeds, 57:173–74, not recorded, only referred to in these later deeds.

²⁰ 1800 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln County, Maine, roll 6, p. 318, next to John Freeman (identified as #4) with five other free persons.

²¹ Lincoln County Deeds, 57:173–74.

²² 1810 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln County, Maine, roll 12, p. 74.

²³ Lincoln County Deeds, 103:244, 246. See also 124:122.

²⁴ 1820 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln County, Maine, roll 36, p. 187.

Child of Caesar and Lydia (Freeman) Freeman:

7. i. ADAM FREEMAN,^[25] b. say 1785; m. NANCY MALCOM.

4. JOHN² FREEMAN (*Peter*¹) was baptized at Ipswich, Massachusetts, 29 July 1759. He died in Maine between 8 August 1835 (when he sold land) and 1 May 1837 (when he was called John Freeman, late of Bath, deceased).^[26] He married, with intentions at Brunswick, Maine, dated 24 March 1781, **LEAH GRIFFIN**,^[27] probably daughter of Anthony Griffin and thus John's stepsister (see note 3 for Anthony Griffin). By the 1810 census John Freeman appears to have been widowed or possibly married again, and by the 1830 census he evidently was a widower (see below).

John Freeman was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.^[28] On 11 August 1832, John Freeman of Bath, Maine, appeared in open court there to obtain benefits for his war service.^[29]

He swore in court that he was 72 years old, according to information from his parents and others, but has not record of his age. He says he lived and enlisted in Ipswich, Mass., into the militia of the Revolutionary War in the year 1777, to go to Rhode Island in defense of the country. His company immediately marched to Rhode Island where he did some guard duty. An alarm was given that Providence was to be burnt and his regiment marched there. He stayed there until he had served six months and was discharged. He says that during this service, Burgoyne was taken and soon after his return to Ipswich, he again enlisted in the militia under captain Dodge, and was marched to Prospect Hill in Cambridge to guard the prison belonging to Burgoyne's Army. Here he continued in service for three months and was discharged. Soon after his services as a soldier, he moved to Brunswick, Maine and later to Bath.

Several other people gave depositions on his behalf. Peter Freeman, age 70, relationship not stated, says he lived with John in Ipswich, and came to Maine with him. Jane Wilson, age 79, says John was born in Ipswich as was she. Jane and Peter say they received letter from John while he was away in Rhode Island. Rev. Silas Stearns says he presently knows John Freeman and believes him to be truthful in what he claims.

²⁵ Adam Freeman was listed next to Caesar Freeman in the 1820 census, which suggests Adam belongs here rather than as a son of John Freeman (#4 below). For Caesar Freeman and Adam Freeman, see Jayne E. Bickford, *Early Bowdoin, Maine, Families, and Some of Their Descendants* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 2002), 89–90.

²⁶ Sagadahoc County Deeds, 7:533; 13:383. Bath was in that part of Lincoln County that was set off as Sagadahoc County in 1854.

²⁷ Anderson, *Vital Records of Brunswick* [note 3], 130.

²⁸ Grundset, *Forgotten Patriots* [note 5], 112, citing John Freeman's pension file (see next note) and H. H. Price and Gerald E. Talbot, ed., *Maine's Visible Black History: The First Chronicle of Its People* (Gardiner, Maine: Tilbury House Publishers, 2006), 370.

²⁹ Revolutionary War Pension file, John Freeman, S18410. John Freeman, age 74, of Lincoln County, Maine, is shown on *The Pension Roll of 1835, Indexed Edition*, 4 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1992), 1:3.

John Freeman was living at Brunswick, Maine by 27 April 1784, when the family sold their land in Ipswich (see under Peter Freeman #1). John Freeman has not been found in the 1790 census of Maine as a head of household. On 4 September 1794, John Freeman and Caesar Freeman, both of Bowdoin, bought 180 acres in Bowdoin.^[30] On 1 October 1798, John Freeman was taxed on his ninety acres in Bowdoin that included one dwelling house.^[31] In the 1800 census of Bowdoin, John Freeman was head of a household of six other free persons.^[32]

By 27 June 1805, John Freeman was living at Bath, Lincoln County, Maine, when he sold his share of the Bowdoin land to Caesar Freeman of Bowdoin.^[33] And John Freeman of Bath bought land there on Merry Meeting Bay on 15 August 1805, 11 May 1807, and 5 March 1812.^[34]

John Freeman was listed in the 1810, 1820, and 1830 censuses of Bath. In 1810 he was head of a household of one white woman age 26–45 and five other free persons.^[35] In 1820 no statistics were shown for his household.^[36] In 1830 he was head of a household of seven free colored persons: one male under 10, two males 10–24, one male 55–100, one female under 10, and one female 10–24.^[37] His household was adjacent to those of Sandy Hill [his niece's husband; see #6 below] and John Harrison [probably his son-in-law].

On 11 August 1835, John Freeman of Bath sold his homestead and land in Bath to John Harrison and his wife Luvina.^[38] John Freeman died between that date and 1 May 1837.^[39]

Probable children of John² Freeman,^[40] presumably all with Leah Griffin:

8. i. ANTHONY G.³ FREEMAN, b. Bowdoinham, Maine, 25 March 1788;^[41] m. RACHEL LEE.
- ii. HENRY FREEMAN, b. Bowdoinham Feb. 1797;^[42] d. 1876, bur. Sheepscot Cemetery, Newcastle, Lincoln Co., Maine;^[43] m. Nobleboro, Lincoln Co., Maine, 17

³⁰ Lincoln County Deeds, 57:173–74, not recorded, only referred to in these later deeds.

³¹ Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798, Bowdoin, Lincoln County, Maine, Division 1, District 20, vol. 2, p. 36.

³² 1800 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine, roll 6, p. 318.

³³ Lincoln County Deeds, 57:174.

³⁴ Lincoln County Deeds, 68:116; 78:29; 79:65.

³⁵ 1810 U.S. Census, Bath, Lincoln County, Maine, roll 12, p. 329.

³⁶ 1820 U.S. Census, Bath, roll 36, p. 127.

³⁷ 1830 U.S. Census, Bath, roll 49, p. 359.

³⁸ Sagadahoc County Deeds, 7:533.

³⁹ See note 26.

⁴⁰ In 1866 Moses Dennett Freeman (# 7.iii below), John Freeman's great-nephew, was called a cousin of Isaiah R. Freeman, Samuel Freeman's son (*Brunswick Telegraph*, 14 July 1866). The 1835 deed, cited above, coupled with adjacent households in the 1830 census, suggests that Luvina (Freeman) Harrison was also John Freeman's child. Anthony G. Freeman and Henry Freeman were both born at Bowdoinham and lived at Newcastle as adults (David Quimby Cushman, *The History of Ancient Sheepscot and New Castle* [Bath, Maine: E. Upton & Son, 1882], 380–81), which suggests Anthony G. and Henry were brothers.

⁴¹ Cushman, *History of Ancient Sheepscot* [note 40], 380.

⁴² *Ibid.*, 381.

Dec. 1840, PHILLIS (GILBERT) STEWART,^[44] b. Maine ca. 1794–97 (based on censuses), d. 1878, bur. Sheepscot Cemetery.^[45] In the 1830 census of Bowdoin, Maine, he was head of a household of four free colored persons: one male 24–36, one male, 36–55, one female 36–55, and one female 55–100.^[46] He has not been found in the 1840 census. In the 1850 census of Newcastle, Maine, Henry Freeman was 55 and Phillis was 56, both black, both born Maine, with comparable entries for 1860 and 1870.^[47] Children, if any, unknown (and unlikely, considering her age at marriage).

9. iii. SAMUEL FREEMAN, b. ca. 1799; m. PRISCILLA GREEN.

10. iv. LUVINA FREEMAN, b. ca. 1804; m. JOHN HARRISON.

5. PETER² FREEMAN (*Peter*¹) was baptized at Ipswich, Massachusetts, 16 May 1762. He died after 8 January 1829 (when Peter and Margaret Freeman were mentioned in a deed),^[48] but before the 1840 census, when Margaret was head of household (see below). His only known marriage was when he was age 48; on 2 December 1810 he married **MARGARET BOWERS** at Brunswick, Maine.^[49] She was born in Maine between 1781 and 1787, based on her age in various censuses (see below). She died at Bath, Maine, 17 August 1885, at the age of 104 years, 3 months, 10 days.^[50]

Peter Freeman has not been found in the 1790 census of Maine as a head of household, but he does appear in the 1800 census of Brunswick as head of a household of five other free persons.^[51] There were men named Peter Freeman in the 1810 and 1820 censuses of Maine as head of households with other free persons,^[52] but none was in Brunswick or Bath. However, in the 1830 census of Brunswick, Peter Freeman was head of a household of eight free colored persons: one male 10–24, one male 55–100, one female under 10, three females 10–24,

⁴³ Geraldine Hanley and Nancy Hartley, *Cemeteries of Newcastle, Maine, from 1758 to 2004* (Newcastle, Maine: Newcastle Historical Society, 2005), 128.

⁴⁴ Christine Hutson Dodge, ed., *Vital Records of Old Bristol and Nobleboro in the County of Lincoln, Maine . . .*, 2 vols. (Portland, Maine: Maine Historical Society, 1947), 2:92 (calls her “Mrs. Phillis Shwart”). Her maiden name is from Hanley and Hartley, *Cemeteries of Newcastle* [note 43], 128.

⁴⁵ Hanley and Hartley, *Cemeteries of Newcastle* [note 43], 128.

⁴⁶ 1830 U.S. Census, Bowdoin, Lincoln County, Maine, roll 49, p. 333.

⁴⁷ 1850 U.S. Census, Newcastle, Lincoln County, Maine, roll 260, p. 402; 1860, roll 440, p. 806; 1870, roll 549, p. 598.

⁴⁸ Cumberland County Deeds, 162:490.

⁴⁹ Anderson, *Vital Records of Brunswick* [note 3], 162. The spelling of the bride’s surname in the original Brunswick vital records is unclear; it may be Bowe. However, the death record of her daughter Alice Sophia (Freeman) Manuel (see note 59) names Alice’s parents as Peter Freeman, born unknown, and Margaret Darling, born Harpswell [Maine]. The only potentially relevant record found is the marriage of Margaret Freeman and Benjamin Darling at Georgetown, Maine, 15 July 1805 (Hill, *Vital Records of Georgetown* [note 5], 2:26).

⁵⁰ *Brunswick Telegraph*, 21 August 1885.

⁵¹ 1800 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine, roll 74, p. 6.

⁵² 1810 U.S. Census, Greene, Kennebec County, Maine, roll 11, p. 910; 1820 U.S. Census, China, Kennebec County, roll 35, p. 678.

and one female 36–55.^[53] In the 1840 census of Brunswick, Margaret Freeman was head of a household of seven free colored persons: one male under 10, four females 10–24, one female 24–36, and one female 36–55.^[54] Margaret Freeman, 66, mulatto, born Maine, was head of a household in the 1850 census of Brunswick with, among others, [her daughter] Mary J. Hill, 26, and Sylvia Darling, 65, both black, both born Maine.^[55] In the 1860 census of Brunswick, Margaret Freeman, 73, was head of a household with Harriet Manuel, 28, Theodocia Manuel, 18, and Calvin Manuel, 10, all mulatto, all born Maine.^[56] In the 1870 census of Brunswick, Margaret Freeman, age 86, mulatto, was head of a household with Susan Griffin, age 82, mulatto.^[57] In 1880 Margaret Freeman, age 98, black, was living in the household of her daughter Eliza Nepean.^[58]

Children of Peter² and Margaret (Bowers) Freeman:^[59]

11. i. ELIZA³ FREEMAN, b. ca. 1812; m. (1) NOAH J. MARKEEL; (2) WILLIAM HENRY FRANKLIN; (3) WILLIAM NEPEAN.
- ii. ?SON, shown as age 10–24 in the 1830 census.
12. iii. ALICE SOPHIA FREEMAN, b. Brunswick, Maine, 31 March 1818; m. LUTHER J. MANUEL.
13. iv. ROXANNA FREEMAN, b. say 1820; had marriage intentions with (but did not marry) JOHN A. SEWALL.
14. v. HARRIET G. FREEMAN, b. ca. 1822; m. CALVIN D. MANUEL.
15. vi. MARY JANE FREEMAN, b. ca. 1824; m. JAMES F. HILL (#6.iv below).

6. LYDIA WILSON (*Jane² Freeman, Peter¹*) was born in Maine about 1780, based on her age given in censuses. She died at Bath, Maine, 20 September 1870, and was buried at Brunswick, Maine.^[60] She married at Brunswick 12 January 1809, **SANDY HILL**,^[61] born at Georgetown, Lincoln County, Maine, 28 February 1782, son of Tobias and Jemima (Griffin) Hill.^[62]

⁵³ 1830 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine, roll 46, p. 8. Men named Peter Freeman were also in the 1830 census at Greene and China.

⁵⁴ 1840 U.S. Census, Brunswick, roll 139, p. 564.

⁵⁵ 1850 U.S. Census, Brunswick, roll 251, p. 233.

⁵⁶ 1860 U.S. Census, Brunswick, roll 437, p. 75.

⁵⁷ 1870 U.S. Census, Brunswick, roll 538, p. 75.

⁵⁸ 1880 U.S. Census, Portland, Cumberland County, Maine, ED 46, roll 478, p. 55.

⁵⁹ The 1830 and 1840 censuses of Brunswick (see above) indicate that Peter and Margaret Freeman had girls in their household the right ages to be these daughters (Peter has not been found in the 1820 census of Brunswick, but no Freeman of color was head of a household in Brunswick that year). In 1880 Margaret was shown as the mother of *Eliza* (see above). The death record of *Alice Sophia* (cited in her account in Part 2) indicates she was born at Brunswick on or about 31 March 1818, daughter of Peter Freeman and Margaret Darling (see note 49). *Roxanna* was called daughter of Peter Freeman in an 1856 record (cited in her account in Part 2). *Harriet* was living in Margaret's household in 1860. *Mary Jane* was living in Margaret's household in 1850.

⁶⁰ Card index of Oak Grove Cemetery, Bath, Maine (includes several people who died at Bath, regardless of where they were buried).

⁶¹ Anderson, *Vital Records of Brunswick* [note 2], 71, 102.

⁶² Hill, *Vital Records of Georgetown* [note 3], 1:64 (birth); 2:51 (marriage). See also note 5.

In the 1810 census of Brunswick, Sandy Hill was head of a household of four other free persons.^[63] In 1820 he has not been found as a head of household. In the 1830 census of Bath he was head of a household of nine other free persons: two males under 10, three males 10–24, one male 36–55, one female 10–24, one female 36–55, and one female 55–100.^[64] In the 1840 census of Bath, Sandy Hill was head of a household of twelve free colored persons: two males under 10, three males 10–24, one male 36–55, one female 10–24, one female 36–55, and one female 55–100. His household was adjacent that of John Freeman [#4, his wife's uncle].^[65] In the 1850 census of Bath, Sandy Hill was 69, and Lydia was 70, both black, both born Maine.^[66] Neither Sandy nor Lydia has been found in the 1860 census. As Lydia Hill, 91, black, she was living in the household of her son James F. Hill in 1870.^[67] She has not been found in the 1880 census of Maine.

Children of Sandy and Lydia (Wilson) Hill, all born in Maine; approximate years of birth based on the 1850 census:

- i. FRANCIS H. HILL, ca. 1818; d. after the 1850 census.
- ii. ALFRED HILL, b. ca. 1820; d. after the 1850 census.
- iii. RUFUS P. HILL, b. ca. 1821; d. between the 1870 and 1880 censuses;^[68] m. 14 April 1851, HULDAH (CHAMBERS) MANUEL,^[69] b. ca. 1823,^[70] d. after 1880,^[71] widow of Micol Manuel.^[72]
- iv. JAMES F. HILL, b. ca. 1823; d. Bath, Maine, 9 Nov. 1882;^[73] m. Brunswick, Maine, 24 Sept. 1850 MARY JANE FREEMAN (#15 below).^[74]
- v. ANN MORIAH HILL, b. ca. 1828 (but probably earlier, considering her mother's estimated year of birth); d. after the 1850 census.

(to be continued)

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⁶³ 1810 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine, roll 11, p. 84.

⁶⁴ 1830 U.S. Census, Bath, Lincoln County, Maine, roll 49, p. 359.

⁶⁵ 1840 U.S. Census, Bath, roll 145, p. 385.

⁶⁶ 1850 U.S. Census, Bath, roll 261, p. 145.

⁶⁷ 1870 U.S. Census, Bath, Sagadahoc County, Maine, roll 557, p. 329.

⁶⁸ 1870 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine, roll 539, p. 106; 1880 U.S. Census, Brunswick, roll 477, E.D. 24, pp. 46–47, where Thankful Chambers, age 60, who was also in the family in 1860 and 1870, was called “sister” of Huldah, who headed the family.

⁶⁹ Judith Holbrook Kelley and Clayton Rand Adams, *Marriage Returns of Lincoln County, Maine, Prior to 1866* (Rockport, Maine: Picton Press, 2001), 258.

⁷⁰ Based on Huldah's age in 1860 and 1870 (1860 U.S. Census, Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine, roll 437, p. 895; see note 67 for the 1870 census).

⁷¹ See note 69.

⁷² Anderson, *Vital Records of Brunswick* [note 3], 223, 284, 482.

⁷³ Bath Vital Records, Deaths, 1821–1891 [FHL 0,010,562], 188.

⁷⁴ Anderson, *Vital Records of Brunswick* [note 3], 250, 299.

THE ORIGIN OF GABRIEL¹ WHELDEN OF YARMOUTH AND MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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The first evidence of Gabriel Whelden's presence in New England was on 29 June 1639 when his daughter Katherine Whelden composed a letter back to England reporting the death of her sister. The letter is summarized in Thomas Lechford's *Note-Book*, as follows:^[1]

A letter by Katherine Weelden to M^r John Shanvat of Nottingham dated 29.4.1639. touching the Death &c. of Martha Weelden of Dedham who was Drowned about 12 Dayes before. She was a godly mayde by all probabilites in this letter testified.

This letter is the only evidence found that Gabriel Whelden lived at Dedham, Massachusetts,^[2] before moving to Yarmouth (then called Mattacheeset) in Plymouth Colony. On 6 October 1639, "Gabriell Wheildon" was "lycensed to dwell at Mattacheese wth the consent of the committes of the place, & to haue land there."^[3] On 17 June 1641, the Plymouth Colony Court ordered William Lumpkin and Hugh Tilly to pay "Gabriell Wheildon" fifteen shillings for his third part in their boat that was damaged.^[4] In 1642 Gabriel was surveyor of highways for Yarmouth^[5] and was reappointed for the same post 1 June 1647.^[6] However, sometime before 14 May 1648, he sold his property in Yarmouth to Edward Sturgis.^[7] Probably about this time Gabriel moved to Malden, Massachusetts,^[8]

¹ Edward Everett Hale, Jr., ed., *Note-Book Kept by Thomas Lechford, Esq., Lawyer, in Boston, Massachusetts Bay, from June 27, 1638 to July 29, 1641* (Cambridge, Mass., 1885; repr. Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1988), 102. The surname Shanvat (or Shamvat) has not been found in English records reviewed. It is possible that the surname was actually *Chamlet*, and that John "Shanvat" was related to Gabriel Whelden's aunt by marriage, Christobel (____) (Whelden) Hewitt, whose will, abstracted in the text below, mentions a sister Morris Chamlet.

² Robert Charles Anderson notes that at the Dedham town meeting of 28 August 1638 "[blank] Weeden brickstieker [i.e., brickmaker]" was one of five men requesting admission as town inhabitants (Don Gleason Hill, ed., *The Early Records of the Town of Dedham, Massachusetts, 1636–1659* . . . [Dedham, Mass.: Dedham Transcript, 1892], 48). However, Weeden is never mentioned again, and, based on his occupation, it seems unlikely this man was Gabriel Whelden.

³ Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed., *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England*, 12 vols. in 10 (Boston: William White, 1855–61), 1:95. The date is incorrectly reported as 3 September 1638 in James W. Hawes, "Early Wheldens of Yarmouth," in Leonard H. Smith, Jr., *Cape Cod Library of Local History and Genealogy*, 2 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1992), 1:732–33. But otherwise Hawes' documented account is fairly accurate.

⁴ Shurtleff, *Records of New Plymouth* [note 3], 2:21.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 2:34, 41.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 2:115.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 2:129.

⁸ Charles H. Pope, *The Pioneers of Massachusetts* (Boston: the author, 1900), 489, states that Gabriel Whelden went to Lynn before settling at Malden. However, no documentation for this statement has been found.

where he died between 11 February 1653/4 (date of will) and 4 April 1654 (date of probate).^[9]

On 21 October 1653, not long before his death, Gabriel and his youngest son John sold to William Crofts of Lynn, Massachusetts, their property in Arnold, Nottinghamshire, England.^[10] Consequently, some authors have claimed that Gabriel Whelden was from Arnold.^[11] A search for him in Arnold church records proved fruitless — but it is evident from this sale and from the 1639 letter, cited above, that Gabriel was from Nottinghamshire.

A radial search around Arnold soon revealed that all of Gabriel Whelden's known children were baptized at St. Leodegarius Church in Basford, Nottinghamshire,^[12] three miles southwest of Arnold. Both parishes are in Sherwood Forest, just north of Nottingham.

Thomas Whelden the sonne of Gabriel Whelden was baptized the first day of ffebruarie [1611/2]

Kathren Weelden the daughter of Gabriel Weelden baptized the 6 of march [1616/7]

Henry Wheeldon the sonne of Gabriel Wheeldon baptized the one and twentieth day of ffebruarie [1618/9]

Mary Wheeldon the daughter of Gabriel Wheeldon [and] Martha Wheeldon the daughter of Gabriel Wheeldon [:] Both of them together baptized the third and twentieth day of December [1621]

John Wildon sonne of Gabriel Wildon was baptized the fifth day of November [1623]

Ruth Wheelding baptized fifth july the daughter of Gabriel Wheldon [1626]

Thomas Wilden the sonne of Gabriel Wilden was buried the 15 of April [1614]

John Weelding son of Gabrill baptized 4 Oct 1630^[13]

Since Gabriel was married at least by 1611,^[14] he must have been born by say 1590 (21 was the normal early age for marriage). Unfortunately, baptismal

⁹ Robert H. Rodgers, *Middlesex County in the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay in New England: Records of Probate and Administration, October 1649–December 1660* (Boston: NEHGS, 1999), 146–47.

¹⁰ Essex County Deeds, 1:24; Deloraine Pendre Corey, *The History of Malden, Massachusetts, 1633–1785* (Malden, Mass.: the author, 1899), 158 n. 67.

¹¹ For example, Josephine C. Frost, *Ancestors of Amyntas Shaw and His Wife Lucy Tufts Williams* (New York: privately printed, 1920), 49; George M. McCune, *Gordon B. Hinckley: Shoulder for the Lord* (Salt Lake City: Hawkes Publications, 1996), 35.

¹² The Basford parish registers have been microfiched by the Manuscripts and Special Collections Department at the University of Nottingham (nottingham.ac.uk/mss/collections), who graciously provided author Stramara with a copy of the first microfiche covering up to 1635. The earliest records are quite damaged and in several places totally illegible.

¹³ Bishop's transcripts for Basford, 1627–1831 [FHL 0,503,474 Item 1], were reviewed by Clifford L. Stott, CG, AG, FASG, up to 1641; records for 1628–29 and 1633 are missing.

¹⁴ There is no entry for Gabriel Whelden's marriage in the Basford marriage registers, which have been published as volume 6 of W.P.W. Phillimore, *Nottinghamshire Parish Registers: Marriages*, 22 vols. (London: Phillimore & Co., 1898–1933). In fact, his marriage was not in any

records for Basford are missing from 1582 through 1595, and Gabriel's baptism has not been found in surviving registers for nearby parishes. The minister of Basford up to 1595, Rev. John Simpson, was also minister at nearby Radford, but Basford baptisms do not appear with the Radford ones.

Gabriel Whelden served as churchwarden at Basford in 1622.^[15] His uncle Thomas Whelden had previously held this position in 1603.^[16] Thomas made his will 8 March 1610 [1609/10, as can be determined from the regnal year given at the beginning of the will].^[17] Thomas was buried at Basford 11 April 1610. Because the will provides valuable genealogical information, much of it is quoted at length here.

In the name of God, Amen. The Eight day of March, the Seaventhe yeare of the Raigne of our Sou[er]eign Lord James, by the grace of God kinge of England, France and Ireland, defender of the Faithe And of Scotland the Three and Fortethe And in the yeare of our Lord God 1610. I Thomas Whelden of Basforde in the County of Nottingham, blacksmith, beinge sicke in bodye, but of good and p[er]fect memory, God be praised, doe ordaine & make this my laste Will & Testam[en]te . . . I give unto Christobell myne espoused wife for the Tearme of her life the occupation of this howse and the close adioyninge & one garden that is payled, reservinge that smithy and chamber with all the tooles belonginge to my trade of farryer And one garden att the howseend there wch I give and bequeath to Gabraell Whelden my Nephewe Itm I give vnto my sayde nephew Gabraell Twelve swathes of meadowe lying in Daboreck [Daybrook?] and moreover one close commonly called the longe close, to him & his heires for ever and after the decease of my wife, I doe give vnto my sayde Nephew the whole howse & close lyinge thereunto Also I give my land in Bagthorpe field to my sayde Wife & Nephew to occupye and enioye the same Ioyntly and equally between them, And after my wives decease to my sayde Nephew and his heires I doe give the same Whollye for ever. Itm I give to George Atkinsonne the suite of apparel which is now on my back. Itm I give to Thomas Lambe one Leather dublett. Itm I give to Rob[er]te Reye my neather stocks and shooes on my feete. Itm I give to my Nephew Gabrell my best shute of Apparrell. Itm I give to my brother Henry Whelden one Cow wch is att Anthony Trewmans. Itm I give to my Wyfe one Cowe. Itm I give to my Nephew afforesaid one Heiffer. Itm I give to the poor of Basforde Twenty shillings wch is in the handes of Will[ia]m Ashers to be put forthe that the stock may be uphoulden and the increase thereof may continew from yeare to yeare, to the use of

of the published Nottinghamshire marriage registers in this series. Marriages for Arnold begin in 1544 (volume 13) and show no marriages for the year 1617, despite the supposed marriage of Gabriel Whelden and Mary Davis on 3 August 1617 at Arnold, according to a member submission to the IGI.

¹⁵ University of Nottingham Manuscript Archives, Role I82478.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Roles I56579 and I59402.

¹⁷ The Manuscripts and Special Collections Department at the University of Nottingham graciously provided author Stramara with a photograph of Thomas Whelden's will (catalogued as Ne D 785). The will was proved 17 July 1610 at York (see note 30 below). The wills and several deeds (see notes 17–18, 22–25 below) are in "Ne D 783–NE D 791, 1590–1638, Bundle of deeds relating to a messuage and land in Basford, Nottinghamshire, purchased from Gabriel Wheldon in 1638." It is extremely rare to find such an extensive record of a Great Migration colonist disposing of his property before immigrating.

the sayde pore for ever, to be dispensed at the descretions of the minister & church wardens. Itm I give to my sister Hellen Stamforde one pewter dishe and one ewe hogg and to each of her thre Children Twelve pence, and to ev[er]y one a pewter dishe and to Bridgett the youngeste Daughter I give the chair wth the Table. Itm I give to Margarette Fellowe the daughter of Thomas Fellowe one pewter dishe and Twelve pence in money. Item I give to ev[er]ye my God children Twelve pence in money. Item I give to my sister Jane one pewter dishe, or Twelve pence in money, And to Marye Crampton her Daughter Twelve pence and one pewter dishe and to all the reste of her Children to ev[er]ye one Twelve pence. Itm I give to my Wife the board and frame in the howse to stande to her use for her lyfe and to continue afterwarde as an heireloome. The reste of my goods not bequeathed, my debts, legacies and funeral expenses and charges payed I give to my sayde Wife & Nephew whome I ordayne and make Ioynt Executors of this my will and Testament.

And Henry Davis & Richard Hicks my sup[er]visors Whome I put speciall truste to see this my Will faithfully fulfilled executed These beinge Witnesses John Herring Cler George Hutchinson[n]e Richard Hicks, Henry Davis Will[ia]m Stamforde Richard Taylor^[18]

The will indicates that Thomas Whelden had a brother Henry Whelden and two sisters: Helen, wife of Mr. Stamford, and Jane, who had a daughter Mary Crampton, suggesting that Jane was the wife or widow of a Mr. Crampton. Evidently, Thomas Whelden had no children of his own and was quite fond of his nephew Gabriel Whelden. While the will does not identify Gabriel's father, it is probable Henry was Gabriel's father. Apparently Thomas was careful to leave something to all nieces, nephews, and godchildren, but he did not mention any children of brother Henry. Gabriel's oldest son was named Thomas, presumably for his uncle, and the next son was named Henry, presumably for Gabriel's father.

On 4 April 1617, William Stanford, tailor of Somercotes, Derbyshire, leased a close of land in Basford to Gabriel Whelden, "blacksmith of Basford."^[19] On 15 August 1637, John Hutchinson, gentleman of Basford, drew a deed of exchange of land in Basford and surrounding areas with Gabriel Whelden, "husbandman of Basford," and his wife Jane.^[20] This is the earliest mention of Gabriel's wife by name, but it is not clear whether she was the mother of Gabriel's children.

The "wife of Gabriell Wheeldon, miller," was one of two residents of Basford presented as "sectaries" (religious sectarians) before 1642.^[21] Persecution of those who failed to follow the tenets of the established Church of England was a major reason for the Great Migration to New England 1620–1640, and this record suggests that Gabriel Whelden's immigration to New England may have been largely because of this religious persecution.

¹⁸ The copy of the will indicates that all the witnesses except Henry Davis were sworn.

¹⁹ Manuscripts and Special Collections, University of Nottingham, Ne D 786.

²⁰ Ibid., Ne D 787.

²¹ H. Hampton Copnoll, *Nottinghamshire County Records: Notes and Extracts from the Nottinghamshire County Records of the 17th Century* (Nottingham: Henry B. Saxton, 1915), 162, Appendix D.

Half a year later, in February 1637/8, an inventory was made regarding a piece of Gabriel's property.^[22] This document is open to interpretation and thus is transcribed line by line with spacing replicating the original. The superscript tilde (~) replicates the abbreviation mark used on words in the manuscript. The double strikeout (==) replicates the crossing out of a word. "Your honor" was John Holles, 2nd Earl of Clare, as will be seen from related documents presented below.

A note of Gabarell Wheeldens land
 of Basford febru~ 1637
 one kilne house and a kilne in it to dry woorts or
 mault in conta~ [contains] 1 bay of building^[23]
 one hors mill house and hors mill in it to grind
 oates to make oatemeall cont~ 2 bais of building
 and he is to lease the kilne and hors mill in good
 reparations
 the dwelling hous contains 3 bais of building
 the ground abut the house conta~ 1 aker of
 and there doth belong 7 roods of arable
 land to it that is to say
 one land laying in the parsons plot
 conta~ 2 roods to estimation
~~one~~ two lands in Louger feild ~~laying~~ [single strike only]
 furlong lying for 3 roods
 2 lands more in broome feild laying for 2 roods
 a close by the to hous with a lease allmost for
 3 years to come and after that lece it your honors
 owne land and that leace is worth 3 pound
 and henry boote sais that he can lett the
 house and ground ~~and be~~ and the 7 roods
 of land bee sids the close in lece for 3 po 6 shil~
 8 pence a yeare
 his price is 55 pounds and that 5 shillings
 which henry boot did give in earnest [large space left]
 his desire is to have an answer speedly that
 he may put of his goods presently and prepare
 for new England
 [Note in left margin:]
 if your honor by it there must be a tenant presently to till the
 land that is this year to be plowed

²² Manuscripts and Special Collections, University of Nottingham, Ne S 79 2.1637. Although this document contains no indication whether the date is 1636/7 or 1637/8, the fact that the property was transferred 10 March 1637/8 (see below) indicates the inventory was taken a month earlier, not thirteen months earlier.

²³ A "bay" refers to a vertical division of a building, related to a bay window (usually on a second floor) projecting outward from the building.

A third party must have written this document, not Gabriel Whelden himself. Gabriel is consistently referred to by third person pronouns. Henry Boot is mentioned as someone who is willing to “lett” (rent) the house and land. Thus, the last three lines, where it says, “his desire is to have an answer speedly that he may . . . prepare for New England,” refer to Gabriel Whelden, not to Henry Boot. This is substantiated further by the large space after the word “ernest” (Henry Boot paid five shillings as earnest money, i.e., a down payment). Likewise, in the original there is a discernible gap between the sentences, denoting a break in thought. In short, the property has been assessed by a third party and the Earl is informed that if he were to “by” (i.e., buy) Gabriel Whelden’s property, he will need a tenant, and Henry Boot is willing to be that tenant.

On 10 March 1638 [1637/8, as can be determined from the regnal year], Gabriel made two transactions. As “yeoman of Basford,” Gabriel entered into a feoffment of his property for £55.0.5 to John, Earl of Clare.^[24] This is the same property and amount as suggested in February’s assessment. The Earl of Clare then appointed John Hooper as his attorney to possess the lands in the tenure of Gabriel Whelden.^[25] Gabriel secured a bond of £120 from the Earl of Clare for the performance of the covenants as set out in the feoffment,^[26] and on 24 March 1637/8, Gabriel assigned to the Earl a lease of a close of arable land.^[27]

Thus Gabriel Whelden was putting his affairs in order, disposing of some of his property, and gaining capital so that he could depart for New England. Spring was the optimum time to set sail before the hurricane season began, and so it is likely Gabriel and his family emigrated in the spring of 1638. However, since the first certain record of the family in Massachusetts was not until June 1639, their emigration could have been in the spring of 1639.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

The names of the parents of the Whelden siblings named in the 8 March 1609/10 will of Thomas Whelden are unknown. The first mention of a Whelden in the Basford parish registers was in 1570/1, when a John Weldon was buried there. He and several other Wheldens remain unplaced.^[28] As mentioned above, the baptismal registers are missing for 1582 to 1595. Marriages have been published,^[29] but they do not show any Wheldens before 1600 besides those marriages given below.

²⁴ Manuscripts and Special Collections, University of Nottingham, Ne D 788.

²⁵ Ibid., Ne D 789.

²⁶ Ibid., Ne D 790.

²⁷ Ibid., Ne D 791.

²⁸ The following are unplaced: John Weldon buried 10 Mar 1570/1; John Wildon baptized 24 January 1573; John Wildon, infant, buried 7 June 1573; Agnes Wildon, wife of Nicholas, buried 21 November 1582; Richard Weldon, son of William, baptized 20 July 1597; and Elizabeth Wildon, wife of Nicholas, buried 6 August 1600.

²⁹ See note 14.

The Archdeaconry Court of Nottingham was the probate jurisdiction for most of the southern half of Nottinghamshire. The registered copy wills proved in that court are included in the records of the Prerogative and Exchequer Courts of York; a review of the combined indexes for all three courts revealed only two wills of interest: the will of Thomas Whelden, already discussed, and the will of his remarried widow, Christobel (____) (Whelden) Hewitt, discussed below.^[30]

Children of _____^B Whelden, birth order uncertain; born perhaps at Basford, Nottinghamshire:

- i. THOMAS WHELDEN, bur. Basford 11 April 1610, m. (1) ELIZABETH _____, bur. Basford 13 Jan. 1581/2; m. (2) CHRISTOBEL _____, who m. (2?) Basford 9 April 1611 Thomas Hewitt of Nottingham. As Christobel Hewett of Nottingham, widow, she left a will dated 1 Feb. 1618[9?], proved 22 April 1619,^[31] mentioning sister Morris Chamlet, Gabriell Welddon (to receive two shillings), Henry Weldon (to receive thirteen shillings four pence), and many other people (relationships not specified).
- ii. HELEN WHELDEN, bur. Basford 28 Aug. 1616; m. (1) Basford 7 May 1581 HENRY ROGERS; m. (2) Basford 29 Sept. 1600 WILLIAM STAMFORD.
- iii. JANE WHELDEN, m. by 8 March 1609/10 _____ CRAMPTON. She probably was Jeane Crampton, wife of Hugh Crampton, bur. Basford 16 April 1627; Hugh Crampton was bur. there 20 May 1634.^[32]
- + iv. HENRY^A WHELDEN.

HENRY^A WHELDEN was living on 8 March 1609/10 when he was mentioned in the will of his brother Thomas, and on 1 February 1618[9?] when he was mentioned in Christobel Hewett's will. If Henry was not the father of Gabriel¹ Whelden, then an unknown brother of Thomas and Henry must have been Gabriel's father.

Probable child of Henry^A Whelden:

- + i. GABRIEL¹ WHELDEN, b. by say 1590, perhaps at Basford.

GABRIEL¹ WHELDEN was born by say 1590 (assuming he was about 21 at the time of his first known marriage), perhaps at Basford. He died at Malden, Massachusetts, between 11 February 1653/4 and 4 April 1654.^[33] His first known wife was **JANE** _____, who was living on 15 August 1637.^[34] He married

³⁰ These indexes were reviewed at the Family History Library by Clifford L. Stott, CG, AG, FASG. The will of Thomas Whelden was proved in the Archdeaconry Court of Nottingham, and registered in the Prerogative and Exchequer Courts of York, 31:390 [FHL 0,099,496].

³¹ Proved in the Archdeaconry Court of Nottingham, and registered in the Prerogative and Exchequer Courts of York, 35:343 [FHL 0,099,503].

³² Bishop's transcripts for Basford [note 13].

³³ However, Corey, *History of Malden* [note 10], 390, gives Gabriel "Welding" a death date of 11.1653 [January 1653/4].

³⁴ Neither the Basford registers nor the surviving bishop's transcripts up to 1640 show the burial of any woman who could have been Gabriel Whelden's wife.

(second?), probably after 1639 in Massachusetts, **MARGARET** _____,^[35] who d. after 2 October 1655,^[36] presumably in Massachusetts.

As shown above, Gabriel Whelden arrived in New England in 1638 or 1639, settling first at Dedham, Massachusetts, moving to Yarmouth, Plymouth Colony in 1639, and finally to Malden about 1648. His will, dated 11 February 1653/4, proved 4 April 1654, named wife Margaret as sole heir and sole executrix. Not surprisingly, her stepchildren protested. In 1655 “Henry Weilden, John Weilden, Rich: Taylor Taylor and Rich: Taylor husbandman” brought a lawsuit against Margaret for withholding monies due to them from Gabriel Whelden’s estate relating to prior debts.^[37] This document shows that two Whelden daughters married men named Richard Taylor; these couples are correctly identified here for the first time.^[38]

Children of Gabriel¹ Whelden, all presumably with his wife Jane; all baptized at Basford.^[39]

- i. THOMAS WHELDEN, bp. 1 Feb. 1611/2; bur. Basford 15 April 1614.
- ii. KATHERINE² WHELDEN, bp. 6 March 1616/7; d. Eastham, Mass., after 5 March 1688/9; m. Plymouth, Plymouth Colony, 9 Oct. 1639 GILES HOPKINS, bp. Hursley, Hampshire, 30 Jan. 1607/8, d. Eastham between 5 March 1688/9 (date of will) and 16 April 1690 (date of probate), son of Stephen¹ and Mary (_____) Hopkins.^[40]
- iii. HENRY WHELDEN, bp. 21 Feb. 1618/9; d. Yarmouth 28 Oct. 1694;^[41] m. Yarmouth 25 Jan. 1647[8?] EED _____,^[42] d. 15 May 1682.^[43]

³⁵ The suggestion that Margaret was an American Indian is discussed (and disproved) in Donald Lines Jacobus, “Austin Barse and His Alleged Indian Connections,” *The American Genealogist* 15 (1938–39):111–18 at 114–15.

³⁶ Margaret responded on 2 October 1655 to the lawsuit brought by Gabriel’s sons and two of his sons-in-law (Rodgers, *Middlesex County Probate and Administration* [note 9], 147–48).

³⁷ Ibid.

³⁸ The analysis of Jillaine Smith on these two contemporary Richard Taylors of Yarmouth was essential for this article; see, for example, her analysis at board.ancestry.com/surnames.taylor/18793/mb.ashx.

³⁹ In Shurtleff, *Records of New Plymouth* [note 3], 2:104, is a record of the adjournment on 7 July 1646 of a lawsuit between Teague Jones and “Ralph Welden” and the latter’s daughter. As this is the only mention of Ralph Welden found, it seems likely the first name should have been recorded as Gabriel, not Ralph, or the last name should have been recorded as something other than Welden. Teague Jones was a young man who married between 1645 and 1650; the name of his wife is unknown (Mrs. John E. Barclay, “The Jones Family of Yarmouth and Middleboro, Mass.,” *The American Genealogist* 31 [1955]:123–26 at 123–24).

⁴⁰ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Pilgrim Migration: Immigrants to Plymouth Colony, 1620–1633* (Boston: NEHGS, 2004), 271–75; John D. Austin, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations . . . Vol. 6 Family: Stephen Hopkins*, 3rd ed. (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2001), 10.

⁴¹ Robert Moody Sherman and Ruth Wilder Sherman, ed., *Vital Records of Yarmouth, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Warwick, R.I.: Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Rhode Island, 1975), 1:129.

⁴² Ibid., 2:841.

⁴³ Ibid., 1:125, “wife of Henry Whelding.”

- iv. MARY WHELDEN, bp. 23 Dec. 1621; found dead in a boat off Duxbury, Plymouth Colony, before 4 Dec. 1673, when there was an inquest;^[44] m. by 1648^[45] RICHARD¹ TAYLOR, tailor, d. Yarmouth before 13 Dec. 1673, when an inventory of his estate was taken.^[46]
- v. MARTHA WHELDEN, bp. 23 Dec. 1621; d. ca. 17 June 1639, drowned in or near Dedham, Mass.^[47]
- vi. JOHN WHELDEN, bp. 5 Nov. 1623; d. evidently before 4 Oct. 1630, when another son John was baptized.
- vii. RUTH WHELDEN, bp. 5 July 1626; d. Yarmouth 22 June 1693;^[48] m. soon after 27 Oct. 1646 RICHARD¹ TAYLOR, husbandman, “of the Rock,”^[49] d. between 28 Oct. 1699 (date of codicil to will) and 6 October 1703 (date of probate).^[50]
- viii. JOHN WHELDEN, bp. 4 Oct. 1630; d. Yarmouth 20 Nov. 1707;^[51] m. say 1653 MARY FOLLAND, b. say 1627, d. between 20 May 1711 and 23 Nov. 1721, daughter of Thomas¹ Folland of Yarmouth.^[52]

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⁴⁴ Shurtleff, *Records of New Plymouth* [note 3], 5:122–23, “wife of Richard Taylor sometimes of Yarmouth.”

⁴⁵ Ann, daughter of Richard Taylor, was born 2 December 1648, and Ruth, daughter of Richard Taylor, was born 11 April 1649 (Sherman and Sherman, *Vital Records of Yarmouth* [note 41], 2:841, 842). Because of the closeness of the birth dates, one of these girls had to be the daughter of Richard Taylor, tailor. See James W. Hawes, “Richard Taylor, Tailor, and Some of His Descendants,” in Smith, *Cape Cod Library* [note 3], 1:758–93 at 764–65.

⁴⁶ The inventory showed that this Richard Taylor was a tailor (the complete inventory is at etext.lib.virginia.edu/users/deetz/Plymouth/P210.htm; a summary is in *Mayflower Descendant* 25 [1923]:39). Possibly (but less likely because of geography) Mary Whelden’s husband was Richard Taylor, tailor of Boston, who married Mary _____ by 2 February 1646/7, when their only known child John was born there (Annie Haven Thwing, *Inhabitants and Estates of the Town of Boston, 1630–1800, and The Crooked and Narrow Streets of Boston, 1630–1822*, CD-ROM [Boston: NEHGS and Massachusetts Historical Society, 2001], refcode 57245; [Ninth] *Report of the Record Commissioners Containing Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1630–1699* [Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, 1883], 23). If Mary Whelden’s husband was the Boston tailor, then she was not the woman found dead in a boat before 4 December 1673.

⁴⁷ See note 1 and related text.

⁴⁸ Sherman and Sherman, *Vital Records of Yarmouth* [note 41], 1:129, “Ruth, wife of Richard Taylor Senr.”

⁴⁹ Shurtleff, *Records of New Plymouth* [note 3], 2:110. For a brief account of Richard Taylor “of the Rock,” see Hawes, “Richard Taylor, Tailor” [note 45], 758–59.

⁵⁰ Barnstable County Probate, 2:262. Richard Taylor’s will, dated 2 September 1693, was made a few months after the death of his wife. He died 1 August 1703, according to Frederick Freeman, *The History of Cape Cod: The Annals of Barnstable County and of Its Several Towns . . .*, 2 vols. (Boston: Geo. C. Rand & Avery, 1860–62; repr. Yarmouth Port, Mass.: Parnassus Imprints, 1965), 2:208, and Hawes, “Richard Taylor, Tailor” [note 45], 758.

⁵¹ Sherman and Sherman, *Vital Records of Yarmouth* [note 41], 1:132.

⁵² Maclean W. McLean, “John and Mary (Folland) Whelden of Yarmouth, Mass.,” *The American Genealogist* 48 (1972), 4–11, 81–88, at 6.

IDENTIFYING ANNA WHEELER
OF STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT (1675–1714),
AS THE FIRST WIFE OF JEREMIAH HALSEY
OF SOUTHAMPTON, LONG ISLAND

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While researching in Preston, Connecticut, land records for the Wheeler family of Stonington, Connecticut, I came across a deed dated 10 September 1712, from Isaac and William Wheeler to “Jeremiah Halsie of ye town of Southhampton in ye County of Suffolk on Long island in ye proviance of new yoark his heirs and assigns for as ye Legacy to his wife Anna Holey,” and to “Joseph Coite of Plainfield . . . his heirs and assigns forever as a part of his wives Experience Coits legacie.”^[1] Subsequent Preston land records involving Jeremiah Halsey were as follows:

8 September 1714: Jeremiah Halsey of Southampton sold to James Tiler of Preston fifteen and three-quarters acres for £5.^[2]

8 September 1714: Division of land set out to Jeremiah Halsey of Southampton, Long Island, and Rev. Joseph Coit of Plainfield by the executor of Isaac Wheeler.^[3]

1 October 1729: Jeremiah Halsey of Southampton, Long Island, conveyed to his son William Halsey of Southampton, “all my lands in Preston.”^[4]

27 May 1731: quitclaim deed from Jeremiah Halsey; Nathan Halsey; Silas Halsey; Elisha Halsey; John White and Jerusha his wife; William White and Mary his wife; Experience Halsey a single woman; and Abigail Halsey, all of Southampton, and “Annah Peniton widow in ye East Garsee [Jersey] in Newwark,” all natural and lawful children of Mr. Jeremiah Halsey of Southampton . . . to our loving brother William Halsey of Southampton . . . “all right to several Parcells . . . in Preston . . . by estimate about one hundred acres . . . all ye which Land was ye proper estate of our Honrd Grandfather Mr. Isaac Wheeler of Stonington.”^[5]

Experience (Wheeler) Coit was the daughter of Isaac and Martha (Parke) Wheeler of Stonington, and she had a sister Anna, born 1675, whom the most recent published account provides with a husband named John Tongue, not

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¹ Preston Deeds, 3:14.

² Preston Deeds, 3:38.

³ Preston Deeds, 3:67.

⁴ Preston Deeds, 4:543 (stamped page number), 264 (handwritten).

⁵ Preston Deeds, 4:659 (stamped page number), 322 (handwritten).

Jeremiah Halsey.^[6] And published accounts of the Halsey family do not show that Jeremiah³ Halsey had a first wife named Anna.^[7]

In addition, the 1731 deed identifies the husbands of Jerusha and Mary Halsey as John and William White, respectively. No genealogy of the White family of Southampton had given the maiden names of the wives of John and William White.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

ANNA³ WHEELER was born at Stonington, Connecticut, 20 August 1675,^[8] baptized at the First Church there 14 November 1675,^[9] daughter of Isaac² (Thomas¹) and Martha (Parke) Wheeler.^[10] She died 3 July 1714 in her 39th year,

⁶ Raymond David Wheeler, *The Wheeler Genealogy: The Wheeler Family of Cranfield, Bedfordshire, Settlers of Colonial New England*, 4 vols. (Dolgeville, N.Y.: Kinsystems, 1993–94), 3:6. John Tongue and Anna Wheeler were married at New London 25 November 1700 (New London Deeds, 4:291 [stamped]). New London Vital Records, 1896 official transcription [FHL 1,312,157], 1:26; 2:111, shows this marriage as two separate marriages: one on 21 November 1701, the other on 25 November 1702. To resolve this apparent problem, R. D. Wheeler, *Wheeler Genealogy*, 3:6, 130–31, shows Anna Wheeler, born 20 August 1675, daughter of Isaac² Wheeler of Stonington, as the first wife, and Anna Wheeler, born 1 January 1686/7, daughter of John¹ Wheeler of New London, as the second wife (the two women were possibly cousins). Nevertheless, John Tongue had only one wife, and she clearly was the daughter of John¹ Wheeler, despite the fact she was only 14 when married (Lynn Haims, “Wills of Two Early New York Poets: Henricus Selyns and Richard Steer,” *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 108 [1977]:1–10 at 7–8). No church marriage is shown in Frederic W. Bailey, ed., *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*, 7 parts (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry for Family Researches, 1896–1906; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976), 2:7.

⁷ R. D. Wheeler, *Wheeler Genealogy* [note 6], 2:17 (Jeremiah Halsey’s paternal grandmother was Elizabeth [Wheeler] Halsey); Raymond David Wheeler, *The English Ancestry of Thomas Halsey of Southampton, Long Island* (Southampton: Thomas Halsey Family Association, 1995), 17–18; Herbert F. Seversmith, *Colonial Families of Long Island, New York, and Connecticut*, 5 vols. and 2 microfilm reels (Washington, D.C.: the author, 1939–58), 3:1208. See also David Halsey, *Halsey Genealogy Since 1395 A.D.* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 2000), 18, and Jacob Lafayette Halsey and Edmund Drake Halsey, *Thomas Halsey of Hertfordshire, England, and Southampton, Long Island, 1591–1679* (Morristown, N.J.: The Jerseyman, 1895), 40.

⁸ Stonington Deeds, 1:16.

⁹ Richard A. Wheeler, *History of the First Congregational Church, Stonington, Conn., 1674–1874* (Norwich, Conn.: T. H. Davis & Co., 1875), 195.

¹⁰ R. D. Wheeler, *Wheeler Genealogy* [note 6], 3:5–6; Richard A. Wheeler, *History of the Town of Stonington, County of New London, Connecticut, from Its First Settlement in 1649 to 1900*, (New London, Conn.: Press of the Day, 1900; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1977), 637. Isaac Wheeler’s will, dated 3 January 1711/2, proved 12 March 1711/2 (New London District Probate, file 5652), mentions his daughters (including Anna) by first name only. Martha (Parke) Wheeler was the daughter of Thomas and Dorothy (Tompson) Parke, for whom see Clifford L. Stott, “The Chaplin Family of Co. Suffolk: Ancestors of Plumb and Parke Families of Connecticut,” *The American Genealogist* 82 (2007):250–60 at 259–60, and Selim Walker McArthur, *McArthur–Barnes Ancestral Lines* (Portland, Maine: Anthoensen Press, 1964), 100–01.

and was buried in Mecox Cemetery, Bridgehampton, in the Town of Southampton, Long Island.^[11] She married about 1694 JEREMIAH³ HALSEY,^[12] born at Southampton, Long Island, 7 September 1667, son of Thomas² (Thomas¹) and Mary (Barrett?) Halsey.^[13] He died 29 December 1737 in his 72nd year, and was buried in Mecox Cemetery.^[14]

Jeremiah Halsey married second about 1715 RUTH _____.^[15] Based on her first name and age at death, perhaps she was Ruth Stanborough, born at Southampton, 4 January 1668, daughter of Peregrine and Sarah (James) Stanborough, and widow of John Greenvill.^[16] Ruth died 19 December 1717 in her 49th year and was buried in Mecox Cemetery.^[17] Jeremiah married third DEBORAH _____, mentioned in his will.

As Jeremiah Halsey of "Bridgehampton in the County of Suffolk and Colony of New-York," he left a will dated 20 December 1733, proved 5 January 1737/8,^[18] mentioning sons Jeremiah, Nathan, and Elijah; wife Deborah; daughters Experience and Abigail (who were unmarried, as was Elijah evidently). His three named sons were to be executors. A codicil dated 24 December 1737 mentioned all but Jeremiah.

For Dorothy's ancestry, note Gary Boyd Roberts, *The Royal Descents of 600 Immigrants to the American Colonies or the United States* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2004), 541, 557.

¹¹ James Truslow Adams, *Memorials of Old Bridgehampton* (Bridgehampton, N.Y.: privately printed, 1916), 327; author's visit to Mecox Cemetery on 28 April 2009. The gravestone gives her name as "Anna Halsey" with no husband's name. Bridgehampton is the part of Southampton closest to East Hampton.

¹² The approximate year of marriage is based on her date of birth and their appearance in the 1698 census of Southampton with two children (Edmund Bailey O'Callaghan, *Lists of Inhabitants of Colonial New York, Excerpted from The Documentary History of the State of New-York* [Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1979], 44 col. 3, 46 col. 3). Earlier authors could have deduced that Jeremiah Halsey had a first wife named Anna from the 1698 census entries, Anna's gravestone (see note 11), and the fact Jeremiah Halsey and Anna Halsey witnessed a deed on 15 August 1712 (*Records of the Town of Southampton, L.I., N.Y.* [titles vary], 6 vols. [Sag Harbor, N.Y.: John H. Hunt, 1874–1915], 6:69).

¹³ See sources cited in note 7. The will of Thomas² Halsey, mentioning son Jeremiah, is in *Records of Southampton* [note 12], 2:261–63, and G. A. Taylor, "Stray Wills at Suffolk County (Mass.) Probate Registry," *The American Genealogist* 32 (1956):111–12. The source for Jeremiah's date of birth has not been found.

¹⁴ See sources cited in note 11.

¹⁵ The approximate year of marriage is based on Anna's death in 1714 and Ruth's death in 1717.

¹⁶ William S. Pelletreau, *Abstracts of Early Long Island Wills of Suffolk County, 1691–1703* (New York: Francis P. Harper, 1897), 43–46 (will of John Greenvill, dated 19 March 1689/90); 233–38 (will of Peregrine Stanborough, dated 17 May 1699, which apparently mentions all his children but no daughter Ruth; however, "Ruth's child" is mentioned at 237 as if a grandchild). Only two women named Ruth appear in the 1698 census of Southampton (O'Callaghan, *Lists of Inhabitants* [note 12], 45 col. 2, 46 col. 1); neither was Peregrine Stanborough's daughter.

¹⁷ See sources cited in note 11.

¹⁸ New York County Wills, 13:303; *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*, 17 vols., Collections of The New-York Historical Society (New York, 1893–1909), 3:275–76; 16:135.

Note that sons William and Silas were not mentioned in the will. As shown above, William received lands in Preston, Connecticut, in 1729 and 1731. Silas may have already moved to Morristown, New Jersey, by the date of the will and presumably received a separate settlement from his father.

Children of Jeremiah and Anna (Wheeler) Halsey, all born probably at Southampton; the first two are listed in the 1698 census of Southampton with their parents:^[19]

- i. ANNA HALSEY, b. say 1695; d. 8 Oct. 1749 in her 57th year, bur. Newark, N.J.; m. by 1624 JUDAH PENNINGTON, b. say 1680, d. by 27 May 1731 (date of family deed), son of Ephraim and Mary (Brockett) Pennington.^[20]
- ii. JEREMIAH HALSEY, b. say 1697; d. between 21 Jan. 1767[/8?] (date of will) and 19 April 1768 (date of probate);^[21] m. (1) East Hampton, L.I., 25 Nov. 1721 MARY CONKLING,^[22] bp. there 7 Oct. 1705, daughter of Ananias and Martha (Stratton) Conkling.^[23] He m. (2) HANNAH _____, named in his will. This second wife is called Hannah Howell in at least one published source.^[24] The 1985 Howell genealogy shows only three women named Hannah Howell who could have been this second wife; however, none looks likely.^[25]

¹⁹ See note 12. The birth order of the children is based on the 1731 Preston deed (see note 5), Jeremiah Halsey's 1733 will, and their ages at death, if known.

²⁰ Charles Carroll Gardner Collection, alphabetical card file on Essex, Union, and Morris County families through the early 1800s, Special Collections, Alexander Library, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, cards for Judah Pennington. The diary of one of his grandsons, William S. Pennington, contains an entry for 14 October 1780 in which he mentioned the death of "my Cousin The Rev'd Dr. Halsey," evidently Rev. Jeremiah Halsey, for whom see note 36 ("The Diary of William S. Pennington," *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* 63 [1945]:199–218 at 216; 64 [1946]:31–42). For Judah Pennington's parents, see Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, 8 vols. (New Haven, Conn.: 1922–32; repr. with index, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1974), 2:323–24; 6:1419.

²¹ New York County Wills, 26:352; *Abstracts of Wills* [note 18], 7:189–90. Jeremiah Halsey's will mentions daughters Hannah and Martha with no surnames. Daughter Hannah married John Holmes at Stonington 31 October 1744. The marriage record calls her "Hannah Hulse of So. Hampton" (Stonington Vital Records, 3:47), but she is correctly identified as Hannah Halsey in R. A. Wheeler, *History of Stonington* [note 10], 436, and Halsey, *Thomas Halsey of Hertfordshire* [note 7], 464 note C (by John Dean Fish, a well-regarded genealogist) — though not in Elizabeth P. White, Marilyn R. Landry, and Kendall P. Hayward, "Joshua Holmes of Stonington, Connecticut (1678–1729)," *Register* 142 (1988):165–76 at 168. There was a Hulse family of Long Island, but no branches of the family lived in Southampton before the Revolution (Seversmith, *Colonial Families of Long Island* [note 7], 4:1499–1621).

²² "Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Deaths in East Hampton, L.I., from 1696 to 1746, Recorded by Rev. Nathaniel Hunting" *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 24 (1893):183–94 et seq., at 188.

²³ Conklin Mann, "The Family of Conckelyne, Conklin and Conkling in America," *The American Genealogist* 21 (1944–45):48–58, 133–47 et seq., at 143.

²⁴ Seversmith, *Colonial Families* [note 7], 3:1208.

²⁵ Emma Howell Ross and David Faris, *Descendants of Edward Howell (1584–1655) of Westbury Manor, Marsh Gibbon, Buckinghamshire, and Southampton, Long Island, New York*, 2nd ed. (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1985), 69–70 (Hannah born say 1721), 102 (Hannah, widow of a man born say 1683), 103–4 (Hannah born 1727 or later).

- iii. WILLIAM HALSEY, b. ca. 1700; d. 4 or 6 March 1783 age 82; bur. Avery Cemetery, Preston, Conn.;^[26] m. Stonington, Conn., 19 June 1738 SARAH STANTON,^[27] b. there 22 Feb. 1706/7, bp. First Church there 27 April 1707, d. 15 Dec. 1787 in her 83rd year, bur. Avery Cemetery,^[28] daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Cheeseborough) Stanton.^[29]
- iv. JERUSHA HALSEY, b. ca. 1701; d. 20 Nov. 1771 in her 71st year, bur. North End Burying Ground, Southampton;^[30] m. by 27 May 1731 JOHN WHITE, b. ca. 1703, d. in or after 1778,^[31] son of Ephraim and Sarah (Herrick) White.^[32]
- v. NATHAN HALSEY, b. say 1703; d. between 20 Feb. 1759 (date of will) and 28 Oct. 1760 (date of probate);^[33] m. CHARITY HOWELL, d. after 20 Feb. 1759, daughter of Elisha and Damaris (Sayre) Howell.^[34]
- vi. SILAS HALSEY, b. ca. 1704; d. Morristown, N.J., 4 Feb. 1777 age 73;^[35] m. (1) by 1733^[36] SARAH _____, b. ca. 1707, d. 16 Dec. 1758 in her 42nd year, bur. Newark, N.J.^[37] He m. (2) Southold, L.I., 19 June 1750 ABIGAIL HOWELL,^[38]

²⁶ Charles R. Hale, "Charles R. Hale Collection [of Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices of Marriages and Deaths], (1933-1934), at the Connecticut State Library, Preston, 50 (age 82); Preston Vital Records, 2:5 (4 March), 14 (6 March and in the 83rd year of his age).

²⁷ R. A. Wheeler, *First Congregational Church* [note 9], 233.

²⁸ Hale Collection [note 26], Preston, 50; Preston Vital Records, 5, no age given.

²⁹ Stonington Vital Records, 2:8 (birth); R. A. Wheeler, *First Congregational Church* [note 9], 206 (baptism); R. A. Wheeler, *History of Stonington* [note 10], 582-83; William A. Stanton, *Thomas Stanton of Connecticut and His Descendants 1635-1891* (Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, 1891), 146; Anna Chesebrough Wildey, *Genealogy of the Descendants of William Chesebrough of Boston and Rehoboth, Mass.* (New York: T. A. Wright, 1903), 304, 311-12.

³⁰ William S. Pelletreau, "A Complete List of All the Brown-Stone and Slate Tombstone Inscriptions in the North End Burying Ground, Southampton, L.I., N.Y.," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 46 (1915):19-26 at 20.

³¹ "A 1778 List of Persons in Suffolk Co., L.I., N.Y. (as documented by Wm. Tryon Govr.)," typescript at the Suffolk County Historical Society, 16: Southampton: John White, age 75, farmer.

³² Seversmith, *Colonial Families* [note 7], microfilm: White, 737-38; Lillian Lounsberry (Miner) Selleck, *One Branch of the Miner Family* (New Haven, Conn.: Donald Lines Jacobus, 1928), 188. The will of Sarah White, widow of Captain Ephraim White, dated 1 October 1756, proved 20 October 1756, mentions sons William White and John White (New York County Wills, 20:147; *Abstracts of Wills* [note 18], 5:142; 16:208). Neither son appears to have left a will or administration proved in New York City.

³³ New York County Wills, 22:280; *Abstracts of Wills* [note 18], 6:16-17; 17:240.

³⁴ Effingham P. Humphrey, Jr., "Descendants of Edward Howell of Westbury Manor, Marsh Gibbon, Co. Buckingham, and Southampton, Long Island, New York," *The Genealogist* 5 (1984):3-63 at 32-33; Ross and Faris, *Descendants of Edward Howell* [note 25], 80, 122; Hugh Halsey, "Howell and Halsey Family Records," *Suffolk County Historical Society Register* 6 (1980-81):5-9 at 5; Seversmith, *Colonial Families* [note 7], 3:1425.

³⁵ *History of the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N.J.*, 2 parts (Morristown, N.J.: Banner Steam Print, 1880-95). 2:98.

³⁶ A son, Rev. Jeremiah Halsey (Princeton, 1752), was born about 1733 (James MacLachlan et al., *Princetonians [1748-1794]: A Biographical Dictionary*, 5 vols. (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1976-91, 1:53; 3:172); *First Presbyterian Church, Morristown* [note 35], 2:99).

³⁷ Gardner Collection [note 20], cards for Silas Halsey. In 1869 her step-grandson, Rev. Luther Halsey (1794-1880), wrote that Silas Halsey's first wife was the niece of Rev. Dr. Timothy Johnes (1717-1794); however, this is very unlikely on chronological grounds (see George Rogers Howell, *The Early History of Southampton, L.I., New York, with Genealogies*, 2nd ed. [Albany,

- b. 9 Jan. 1722, d. Morristown 26 March 1777 age 60 [*sic*], daughter of Israel and Abigail (_____) Howell.^[39]
- vii. MARY HALSEY, b. say 1706; m. by 27 May 1731 WILLIAM WHITE, b. ca. 1705, d. in or after 1778,^[40] son of Ephraim and Sarah (Herrick) White.^[41]
- viii. ELIJAH HALSEY, b. say 1708; d. 10 June 1765 in his 34th year [*sic*], bur. Mecox Cemetery, Bridgehampton;^[42] m. say 1750 PHEBE _____,^[43] b. ca. 1732, d. 26 March 1793 in her 62nd year, bur. Mecox Cemetery.^[44]
- ix. EXPERIENCE HALSEY, b. say 1710; d. after 13 Dec. 1754 (when named in her husband's will); m. after 20 Dec. 1733 (date of her father's will) SAMUEL HOWELL,^[45] b. ca. 1708, d. between 13 Dec. 1754 (date of will) and 2 Jan. 1755 (date of probate); son of Jonah and Elizabeth (Fordham) Howell.^[46]
- x. ABIGAIL HALSEY, b. say 1712; d. after 20 Dec. 1733 (date of her father's will).

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N.Y.: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1887; repr. Southampton, N.Y.: Yankee Peddler Book Co., 1975], 335–36). Rev. Luther Halsey also wrote that his paternal grandmother was a Conkling — which also appears to be incorrect. These two statements regarding the wives of Silas Halsey are included in *First Presbyterian Church, Morristown* [note 35], 98–99.

³⁸ *Long Island Source Records from The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987), 270 (Abigail's brother, David Howell, married there 10 January 1750/1). No available Abigail Howell appears in Thomas H. Donnelly, "Richard¹ Howell of Mattituck in the Town of Southold, Long Island, New York," *The Genealogist* 13 (1999):131–77.

³⁹ Ross and Faris, *Descendants of Edward Howell* [note 25], 136; Seversmith, *Colonial Families* [note 7], 3:1405–06; *First Presbyterian Church, Morristown* [note 35], 2:98 (death).

⁴⁰ "1778 List of Persons in Suffolk Co." [note 31], 15; Southampton: Wm. White, age 72, weaver.

⁴¹ See note 32.

⁴² See note 11. Elijah Halsey's age at death must be wrong; perhaps it should read "in his 54th year." He left a will dated 13 December 1763, proved 21 June 1765 (New York County Wills, 25:90; *Abstracts of Wills* [note 18], 6:396), mentioning wife Phebe, son Abraham (under 14), and daughters Phebe and Lucretia (under age). The fact he was buried in Mecox Cemetery suggests he lived in Bridgehampton. His will contains the following language: "And whereas I am the proper owner of the one half of the Grist mill near my dwelling." This can only be the half-interest in "my wind mill" that Jeremiah Halsey left in his 1733 will to his son Elijah (see above).

⁴³ The approximate year of marriage is based on Phebe's estimated year of birth (assuming it is correct on her gravestone) and the fact Elijah Halsey had three underage children in 1763. The dates suggested for Elijah would place his first marriage when he was about 40. However, no evidence has been found that he had an earlier marriage. An *Elisha* Halsey married at East Hampton 1 October 1730, Naomi Talmadge ("Records of Marriages" [note 22], *Record* 24:190); however, his will, dated 18 October 1768, mentions wife Naomi (New York County Wills, 27:498; *Abstracts of Wills* [note 18], 7:393).

⁴⁴ See note 11.

⁴⁵ Seversmith, *Colonial Families* [note 7], 3:1208, shows the year of their marriage as 1739.

⁴⁶ Ross and Faris, *Descendants of Edward Howell* [note 25], 105; Humphrey, "Descendants of Edward Howell" [note 34], *The Genealogist* 5:25.

NATHANIEL PORTER (1692–1758) OF FARMINGTON AND BETHLEHEM, CONNECTICUT, AND HIS FAMILY

Bryson Caldwell Cook and Janet Stacey Porter

(continued from Register 163 [2009]:182)

4. ABIGAIL⁴ PORTER (*Nathaniel³, Thomas², Robert¹*) was born at Farmington, Connecticut, 1 November 1719. She died 17 August 1796 age 76, and was buried in the South Cemetery in Bridgewater, Connecticut.^[76] She married at Waterbury, Connecticut, 22 November 1739, **PETER WELTON**,^[77] born there 28 September 1718,^[78] died at Watertown, Connecticut, 20 June 1790,^[79] son of George and Elizabeth (Mallory) Welton.^[80]

After their marriage Peter and Abigail lived near the border of Bethlehem, Woodbury, and Waterbury. Peter's father, George Welton, was an original proprietor of the Second Society of Waterbury, known as Westbury parish, and set off as Watertown in 1780. On 29 April 1740 and 13 April 1742, George Welton gave land to his "son" Peter Welton.^[81] This land was in Westbury, "on the west side of the highway to Scotts Mountain," at the time known as Welton's Hill.^[82] Peter had land transactions with his Porter in-laws in Bethlehem,^[83] and he was on the Bethlehem tax list from 1756 to 1761.^[84] In a deed dated 21 January 1754, Peter Welton of Waterbury and Samuel Church of Woodbury quitclaimed to their "brother Thomas Porter."^[85] Neither Peter nor Abigail left probate.

Children of Peter and Abigail (Porter) Welton, all born at Waterbury:^[86]

- i. SAMUEL WELTON, b. 26 Sept. 1740.
- ii. RUTH WELTON, b. 26 Sept. 1741.

⁷⁶ Hale Collection [note 42], Bridgewater, 29. Her son George Welton is buried nearby.

⁷⁷ Barbour Collection, citing Waterbury Vital Records, 1:316.

⁷⁸ Barbour Collection, citing Waterbury Vital Records, 1:119.

⁷⁹ Nathaniel Smith Richardson, *Record of Mortality of the Town of Watertown, Conn.: from the Settlement of the Town to the Present Time, 1741–1889* (Watertown, Conn.: Perlee W. Abbott, 1889), 16.

⁸⁰ Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, 8 vols. (New Haven, Conn.: 1922–32; repr. with index, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1974), 5:1122.

⁸¹ Waterbury Deeds, 5:387, 396.

⁸² Joseph Anderson, *The Town and City of Waterbury, Connecticut, from the Aboriginal Period to the Year Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-five* (New Haven, Conn.: Price & Lee Co., 1896), 1:322–29.

⁸³ Woodbury Deeds, 10:88, 138; 12:169; 13:20–21, 59; 15:103.

⁸⁴ Woodbury Tax Records, "Bethlehem" [note 26], 1:53, 61, 68, 87, 95.

⁸⁵ Woodbury Deeds, 10:88.

⁸⁶ Barbour Collection, citing Waterbury Vital Records, 1:316, which includes the deaths of three children.

- iii. PETER WELTON, b. 23 Feb. 1743/4.
- iv. JOB WELTON, b. 15 March 1745/6; d. Ticonderoga [N.Y.] 11 Oct. 1776.
- v. ABIGAIL WELTON, b. 4 Aug. 1748; d. 22 Sept. 1751.
- vi. GEORGE WELTON, b. 22 Aug. 1750; d. 20 Dec. 1751.
- vii. ABIGAIL WELTON, b. 27 Oct. 1753.
- viii. ELIZABETH WELTON, b. 18 May 1756.
- ix. DINAH WELTON, b. 1 June 1759.
- x. GEORGE WELTON, b. 12 Nov. 1761.
- xi. MARY WELTON, b. 15 May 1765.

5. SARAH⁴ PORTER (*Nathaniel³, Thomas², Robert¹*) was born at Farmington, Connecticut, 27 February 1722. She died 21 November 1806 age 86, and was buried in the Old Cemetery in Bethlehem, Connecticut.^[87] She married first at Bethlehem 2 June 1740, **SAMUEL CHURCH**,^[88] born 16 September 1716, probably at Hartford, Connecticut, son of Samuel and Sarah (Clark) Church.^[89] He died 3 December 1760 age 45, and was buried in the Old Cemetery in Bethlehem.^[90] Sarah married second at Woodbury, Connecticut, 12 June 1762, **DANIEL BRADLEY**,^[91] born at Guilford, Connecticut, 15 October 1710, son of Abraham and Jane (Leaming) Bradley,^[92] and widower of Abigail Hand.^[93] Daniel died at Bethlehem 16 August 1793^[94] age 83, and was buried in the Old Cemetery there.^[95]

Samuel Church had land transactions with his Porter in-laws in Bethlehem.^[96] One of these was a deed dated 21 January 1754, in which Samuel Church of Woodbury and Peter Welton of Waterbury quitclaimed to their “brother Thomas

⁸⁷ Hale Collection [note 42], Bethlehem, 2; her stone reads “Sarah Bradley Church wife of Samuel.”

⁸⁸ Congregational Church Records of Bethlehem [note 9], 1:28, “Samuel Church, m. Sary Porter, Jun. 2, 1740.” The Barbour Collection, citing Woodbury Land Records, 7:3, says 23 June 1746. The original record cited by Barbour is difficult to read, but the day and month are clearly 2 June. Woodbury Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1683–1867 [FHL 1,491,338 Item 1], 1:179, gives the date as 2 June 1750.

⁸⁹ Cothren, *Ancient Woodbury* [note 1], 527; Alice M. Church, *A Genealogy and History of the Church Family in America Descended from Richard Church of Harford, Connecticut, and South Hadley, Massachusetts* (Hollywood, Calif.: the author, 1948), 15.

⁹⁰ Hale Collection [note 42], Bethlehem, 2.

⁹¹ Barbour Collection, citing Woodbury Vital Records, 1:82.

⁹² Donald Lines Jacobus, “Guilford Vital Records in Town Records, Book A,” *The American Genealogist* 13 (1936-37):88–98, 181–89, 242–45; 15 (1938-39):184–91 at 186 (parents’ marriage); 16 (1939-40):180–88; 17 (1940-41):127–28, 191–92, 255–56; 18 (1941-42):128 (birth); 19 (1942-43):33–36.

⁹³ Talcott, *Families of Early Guilford* [note 11], 117–18, 121; Ralph D. Smyth, “The Bradleys of New Haven and Guilford (Conn.),” *Register* 57 (1903):134–41 at 136–37, 141; Smyth, “Joseph Hand of East Guilford” [note 12], *Register* 55:32.

⁹⁴ Congregational Church Records of Bethlehem [note 9], 1:26.

⁹⁵ Hale Collection [note 42], Bethlehem, 3, where the stone says 15 August 1794. However, Daniel Bradley did die in 1793, as Sarah Bradley posted bond on 14 September 1793. The distribution of his estate on 7 January 1796 lists ten children (Woodbury District Probate, file 606).

⁹⁶ Woodbury Deeds, 10:88, 12:169, 13:21, 13:59.

Porter.”^[97] Samuel was also involved with his wife’s family in purchasing land in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania.^[98]

Samuel Church’s estate was distributed on 19 June 1761 to the widow and to oldest daughter Esther Bishop, oldest son Joshua, second son Samuel, third son Ebenezer, fourth son Nathaniel, second daughter Jerusha, third daughter Sarah, fourth daughter Elizabeth, and youngest daughter Amee. The remainder was distributed on 25 November 1806, four days after Sarah’s death, to Esther Bishop, eldest daughter, to Joshua and Samuel, to fifth daughter Amy Green, to Jerusha Morgan, to Ebenezer, to fourth [*sic*] daughter Sarah Mugs, and to Nathaniel.^[99]

Children of Samuel and Sarah (Porter) Church, all recorded at Woodbury.^[100]

- i. ESTHER⁵ CHURCH, b. 6 Nov. 1741.
- ii. JOSHUA CHURCH, b. 6 April or 15 May 1744.
- iii. JERUSHA CHURCH, b. 11 Oct. 1746, bp. 23 Nov. 1746.^[101]
- iv. SARAH CHURCH, b. 31 July 1748.
- v. ELIZABETH CHURCH, b. 27 July 1750.
- vi. SAMUEL CHURCH, b. 8 Aug. 1752.
- vii. EBENEZER CHURCH, b. 19 Aug. 1754.
- viii. NATHANIEL CHURCH, b. 16 Nov. 1756.
- ix. AMEE CHURCH, b. 16 July 1759.

6. NATHANIEL⁴ PORTER, JR. (*Nathaniel³, Thomas², Robert¹*) was born at Farmington, Connecticut, 20 January 1723/4. He died after 23 June 1802 at Great Barrington, Massachusetts.^[102] He married at Woodbury 16 April 1746, **ABIGAIL**

⁹⁷ Woodbury Deeds, 10:88.

⁹⁸ See note 50.

⁹⁹ Woodbury District Probate, file 943. “Uncle Mr. Peter Welton of Waterbury” was appointed guardian for three of Samuel’s children (*ibid.*, 4:141.). See also 5:42–43, 140–41, 264; 6:58, 220.

¹⁰⁰ Woodbury Deeds, 8:290 (first five children, the first and last given names totally illegible on microfilm, Joshua born 6 April); Woodbury Vital Records, an early transcription, 1:9, 23, 24 (last four children plus Joshua again, born 15 May). Woodbury Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1683–1867 [note 88], 44, 48, 49, 52, 55, 59, 64, 69, 74, 81, provides a more reliable transcription.

Barbour Collection, citing Woodbury Land Records, 8:290, shows the first two children as Phebe, born 6 November 1742, and Samuel born 6 April 1744. However, Woodbury Deeds, the original record, at 8:290, actually shows these two children as [illegible], daughter of Samuel and Sarah Church, born 6 November 1741, and [J]oshua, born 6 April 1744. Based on the distribution of Samuel Church’s estate (see text), the daughter born 6 November 1741 must have been named Esther, not Phebe.

¹⁰¹ Congregational Church Records of Bethlehem [note 9], 1:15, “Jerusha daughter of Samuel Church was baptized Nov. 23, 1746.”

¹⁰² For the 1802 date, see note 116 below. The deposition of Oliver Partridge of Great Barrington for the Revolutionary War pension application of Simeon Porter (Nathaniel’s son) implies that Nathaniel died at Great Barrington: “I do recollect that William Patterson and Nathaniel Porter with their families came and settled about 3 miles from us on new land & near each other, I think in 1775 & 1776 . . . attended our meetings regularly the rest of their days . . . That said Doctor [Sargeant] & myself were their physicians several years and until their deaths” (Revolutionary War Pension, Simeon Porter, W17468).

JOSLIN,^[103] born at East Haven, Connecticut, 23 July 1725,^[104] daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail (Abbot) Joslin, and sister of Rebecca Joslin who married John Porter (#7).^[105] Abigail died probably at Great Barrington prior to 1800.^[106]

Nathaniel Porter, Jr.'s father gave him land in Bethlehem 20 April 1748.^[107] A year and a half later, on 25 October 1749, Nathaniel Porter, Jr. bought land in Salisbury, Connecticut,^[108] but he and his family did not move there until after the birth of his second child on 12 January 1750.^[109]

On 24 May 1776, as "Nathaniel Porter of Salisbury in Litchfield County, Connecticut," he bought two hundred acres in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.^[110] He was living there by 28 August 1777 when, as "Nathaniel Porter of Great Barrington," he sold half of his farm to his son Simeon.^[111] Nathaniel continued to live at Great Barrington^[112] although he either lived for a time at nearby Stockbridge or attended church there with his sons Simeon and Nathaniel.^[113] Nathaniel Porter was listed at Great Barrington in the 1790

¹⁰³ Barbour Collection, citing Woodbury Land Records, 7:3.

¹⁰⁴ Barbour Collection, citing East Haven Town Meeting Records, 1:245.

¹⁰⁵ Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven* [note 80], 5:1067–68, does not include Rebecca as a daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail (Abbot) Joslin, but does show a gap between the birth of John Joslin in 1733 and the birth of the youngest child Sarah in 1746. "Rebekah, m. John Porter" is shown as one of their additional children in Stephen Dodd, *The East Haven Register: In Three Parts* (New Haven, Conn.: A. H. Maltby, 1824), 2:131.

Abigail (Abbot) Joslin left a will dated January 1768, which was not proved until 1802 (New Haven District Probate, file 5909). Although the will gave everything to daughter Sarah, wife of George Landcraft, the probate file contains an undated untitled document (perhaps drawn up in 1802), listing seven Joslin children. Living daughters are shown with their husbands. The heirs of deceased children are listed in a second column headed "In Conn.," and only heirs living in Connecticut appear to be named (which would explain why Abigail (Joslin) Porter and her heirs were omitted from the document). One of the seven children listed is "Rebecca Joselins heirs," but in the second column no heirs are named.

¹⁰⁶ 1800 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, roll 13, p. 110. Nathaniel Porter was evidently the male age 45 and over. There was no female in his household age 45 and over.

¹⁰⁷ Woodbury Deeds, 8:51 (grantee was Nathaniel Porter Jun. of Woodbury).

¹⁰⁸ Salisbury Deeds, 3:155 (grantee was Nathaniel Porter Jun. of Woodbury).

¹⁰⁹ Once Nathaniel Porter was living at Salisbury, he dropped the "Junior" and was "Nathaniel Porter of Salisbury" (e.g., Woodbury Deeds, 9:6).

¹¹⁰ Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 14:126.

¹¹¹ Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 22:12.

¹¹² Nathaniel Porter of Great Barrington sold land 9 December 1791 and recorded a mortgage 13 June 1794 (Berkshire County Deeds, Southern District, 29:592; 32:352).

¹¹³ "Mr. Porter" was admitted to the Congregational Church at Stockbridge 10 January 1779, and "Mrs. Porter and her daughter-in-law, the wife of Nathaniel Porter" was admitted 7 July 1782 (Congregational Church Records of Stockbridge, Mass. [FHL 0,234,575 Item 3], Admissions, 9). Their son Simeon Porter was called "of Stockbridge" from 14 January 1778 to 1792 (Berkshire County Deeds, Middle District, 19:330, 28:253, 33:85, 33:88), and both he and his brother Nathaniel had children born or baptized there (Vital Records of Stockbridge, Berkshire, Mass., 1737–1844 [FHL 238,332], 43, 44, 46, 49 [Simeon's children]; Congregational Church Records of Stockbridge, 48, 89 [Nathaniel's children]).

census^[114] and the 1800 census.^[115] In 1802 Nathaniel Porter was one of the original members when the Baptist church at Great Barrington was organized.^[116] He was not listed as a head of household in the 1810 or 1820 censuses there. No death record, gravestone, or probate has been found.

Children of Nathaniel⁴ and Abigail (Joslin) Porter, the first two born at Woodbury, the rest at Salisbury:^[117]

- i. SIMEON⁵ PORTER, b. 26 Nov. 1747.
- ii. ABIGAIL PORTER, b. 12 Jan. 1750.
- iii. MARY PORTER, b. 12 Mar. 1752.
- iv. NATHANIEL PORTER, b. 26 Aug. 1754.
- v. JOANNA PORTER, b. 10 Dec. 1756.
- vi. ESTHER PORTER, b. 11 Jul. 1759.
- vii. JOSEPH PORTER, b. 16 Aug. 1761.
- viii. DAVID PORTER, b. 4 Dec. 1763.
- ix. LUCY PORTER, b. 24 Dec. 1766.

(to be continued)

¹¹⁴ 1790 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, roll 4, p. 251.

¹¹⁵ See note 106.

¹¹⁶ Nathaniel Porter's name appears as one of the original members when the First Baptist Society of Great Barrington was organized 23 June 1802 (Congregational Church Records of Great Barrington, Mass., 1743–1945 [FHL 0,250,316 Item 2], unpaginated).

¹¹⁷ Barbour Collection, citing Woodbury Land Records, 7:3 (Simeon's birth); Barbour Collection, citing Salisbury Vital Records, 1:110, 184. The latter page says Abigail was born "in Woodbury."

REVISED ANCESTRY FOR WILLIAM MOULTON
OF HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE,
INCLUDING SOME REVISIONS OF THE
EARLY ANCESTRY OF HIS NEW ENGLAND COUSINS

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(concluded from Register 163 [2009]:173)

WATTS

1. _____^{E/F} **WATTS** was born say 1420. Presumably he was a resident of Worstead, Norfolk, England.

Known children of _____^{E/F} Watts:

- i. THOMAS WATTS, b. say 1446; living at Worstead when named in his brother John's 1500 will.
2. ii. JOHN^{D/E} WATTS, b. say 1450.

2. JOHN^{D/E} **WATTS** was born say 1450, perhaps at Worstead. He was of Ormesby Saint Margaret, Norfolk, when he made his will dated 4 April 1500, proved 6 March 1500[1].^[48] In the will John requested burial in the parish churchyard and provided various donations to the church. To his wife **BEATRIX** he gave three pounds six shillings and eight pence in money. Of his household goods and cattle he gave two parts to Beatrix and one part to his son Thomas. Sons William and Robert were to receive four marks each. He bequeathed to daughter Margaret twenty shillings, daughter Isabell forty shillings, and daughter Kathrine twenty-six shillings eight pence. The amounts left to the daughters suggest that Margaret and Katherine had received gifts already. John appointed his son Thomas as executor and his brother Thomas Watts of Worstead as supervisor.

Worstead is approximately fourteen miles northwest of Ormesby Saint Margaret. Probate indexes for the period of John's life have several Watts testators from Worstead. These wills have been read, and they lack sufficient information to connect to this John, but they indicate that the family was well established there.

Children of John^{D/E} Watts and perhaps wife Beatrix, born probably at Ormesby Saint Margaret:

- i. THOMAS WATTS, born say 1476; named as executor of his father's 1500 will and as one of the executors of the 1535 will of his sister Margaret's husband, Robert Moulton. He was of Ormesby [probably Ormesby Saint Margaret] in his own will dated 8 June 31 Henry VIII [1539], proved 15 Nov. 1539.^[49] The

⁴⁸ Archdeaconry Court of Norwich wills, 1469–1503, fo. 381 [FHL 0,173,273].

⁴⁹ Archdeaconry Court of Norwich wills, 1536–1544, fo. 88 [FHL 0,173,277].

will named wife ALICE, son John under age 20, daughter Avelyn under age 22, and daughter Alice. One of the executors was to be John Watts of Caister, the adjacent parish south of Ormesby Saint Margaret.

- ii. **MARGARET^{C/D} WATTS**, born say 1478; named in her father's 1500 will; m. **ROBERT^{C/D} MOULTON**, for whom see Part 1 of this article.
- iii. **WILLIAM WATTS**, b. say 1480; named in his father's 1500 will. He was of Caister when he made his own will dated 20 Feb. 1529[/30], proved 2 Dec. 1530.^[50] The will named wife CECILY, godson John Watts (probably son of his recently deceased brother Robert), and Elizabeth Multon (probably Isabell Multon, daughter of his sister Margaret; Isabell and Elizabeth were interchangeable names at this time). A witness was Thomas Watts.
- iv. **ISABELL WATTS**, b. say 1482; named in her father's 1500 will.
- v. **KATHERINE WATTS**, b. say 1484; named in her father's 1500 will.
- vi. **ROBERT WATTS**, b. say 1486, named in his father's 1500 will. He was of Ormesby Saint Margaret when he made his own will dated 31 Jan. 1529[/30], proved 8 Feb. 1529[/30].^[51] The will named wife KATERYN, daughter Agnes under age 22, son John under age 21, and "my child that is unborn." One of the executors was to be Thomas Watts.

GRENE

Regarding the Grene family of Ormesby Saint Margaret, connected with the Moulton family, William Haslet Jones combined two generations into one in his account of the Grene family in the *Register*.^[52] He had assumed that the words *niece* and *nephew* in Richard Grene's 1561 will referred to grandchildren. This meaning was sometimes in use in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, but further research has shown that the will referred to nieces and nephews in the modern sense of the words.^[53]

1. _____^D **GRENE** was born say 1480. Presumably he was a resident of Ormesby Saint Margaret, Norfolk. Because his children appear to have been born over a twenty-five year period (or longer), he probably had more than one wife.

Children of _____^D Grene:

- i. **RICHARD GRENE**, b. say 1505; wife's name unknown. He was of Ormesby [probably Ormesby Saint Margaret] when he made his will dated 12 April 1561, proved 9 June 1561,^[54] naming sons William, John, Robert, and Thomas, the last two under 21, and daughter Jone Multon [the first wife of

⁵⁰ Archdeaconry Court of Norwich wills, 1529–1536, fo. 81 [FHL 0,173,276].

⁵¹ Archdeaconry Court of Norwich wills, 1529–1536, fo. 29.

⁵² William Haslet Jones, "The English Background of Some Early Settlers of Hampton, New Hampshire from Ormesby St. Margaret, Norfolk: The Green Family," *Register* 142 (1988):260–63.

⁵³ For brief comments about the use of *niece* and *nephew* in wills in the Ormesby area, see MacAllan, "More Thoughts" [note 3], *Register* 147:138–39.

⁵⁴ Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills, 21 Loftes [FHL 0,091,939].

- John^C Multon, for whom see Part 1 of this article]. The will also named niece Mary Multon and several other nieces and nephews.
- ii. AGNES GRENE, b. say 1510; d. between 13 Sept. 1586 (date of will) and 12 Jan. 1586/7 (date of probate);^[55] m. JOHN WILLIAMS, d. between 10 Sept. 1557 (date of will) and 25 Sept. 1557 (date of probate).^[56] The 1561 will of Richard Grene, Agnes' brother, included bequests to her children John, Alice, Annes, Jane, and Mary. The 1557 will of John Williams of Scratby, the elder,^[57] named wife Agnes, daughter Alvyn [Avelyn] married to John Hart (she was probably Agnes' stepdaughter), son John, and four daughters under 20, Alys, Agnes, Johan, and Mary. Agnes' 1586 will named son John and his children, as well as three groups of children, probably her grandchildren.
 - iii. son GRENE, b. say 1515, whose daughter Elizabeth was named as a niece in Richard Grene's 1561 will.
 - iv. daughter GRENE, b. say 1525; m. RICHARD SMYTHE. Her children, Simond, Annys, Lucie, and Margaret Smythe, were named in Richard Grene's 1561 will as nieces and nephews. The 1586 will of her sister Agnes named the same four children (as children of Richard Smythe), and added four others, born after 1561: James, Bridget, Anne, and Johane, some under the age of 21.
 - v. JOAN^C GRENE, b. say 1530; m. THOMAS^C MULTON, for whom see Part 1 of this article. Her brother Richard's 1561 will named her daughter Mary Multon as under 22; Mary was probably a small child at the time. Thomas Multon's incomplete 1587 will names wife Johann (to be sole executrix) and sons Robert and William, the latter under 21.^[58]

TAYLOR

This Taylor family was briefly identified by MacAllan.^[59] The main source of information is the will of Robert Taylor of Hemsby, Norfolk, dated 10 July 1597, proved 3 August 1597.^[60] In addition to mentioning his wife, children, and grandchildren (details given below), Robert made the following bequests:^[61]

To "Robert Tower my nephewe" twenty shillings when age 21, to "Felicitie Tower my neece" six shillings eight pence when age 18, and to "my sister Tower . . . money she oweth me for wooll."

To "Anthony Watson my nephewe" six shillings eight pence when age 21.

The parish registers of Hemsby^[62] contain the baptisms of the two Tower children, but they are later than expected, in 1590 and 1592. The baptism of their

⁵⁵ Consistory Court of Norwich wills, 461 Jarnigo [FHL 0,094,912].

⁵⁶ Consistory Court of Norwich wills, 147 Hustinges [FHL 0,094,894 Item 2].

⁵⁷ Scratby was a manor within the parish of Ormesby Saint Margaret.

⁵⁸ See MacAllan, "More Thoughts" [note 3], *Register* 147:132–33, for comments on this will.

⁵⁹ MacAllan, "More Thoughts" [note 3], *Register* 147:138.

⁶⁰ Archdeaconry Court of Norwich wills, 1597–1598, fo. 80 [FHL 0,173,297].

⁶¹ Robert Taylor also made bequests to the children of Abaram [*sic*; Abraham?] Daken and to the daughter of William Daken. No relationships were given.

⁶² Parish registers of Hemsby [note 21].

father was there in 1567. Their mother could have been some years older than their father. Their mother's sister, who married a Watson, also had a child under 21 in 1597. On the other hand, Robert Taylor's nephew William Taylor of Ormesby was old enough to be named as supervisor in Robert's 1597 will. Based on these age disparities, it would appear Robert Taylor's father had more than one wife.

1. _____^D TAYLOR was born say 1510. Presumably he was a resident of Hemsby, Norfolk.

Children of _____^D Taylor, probably by two wives:

2. i. ROBERT^C TAYLOR, b. say 1535; m. MARGARET _____.
- ii. son TAYLOR, b. say 1540; father of William Taylor who was named as supervisor in the 1597 will of his uncle, Robert Taylor.
- iii. daughter TAYLOR, b. say 1555; m. _____ WATSON. Their son Anthony Watson, under age 21, was named in the 1597 will of his uncle, Robert Taylor.
- iv. daughter TAYLOR, b. say 1560; named in the 1597 will of her brother Robert. She m. ROBERT TOWER (whose given name comes from the baptisms of their children), bp. Hemsby 3 Aug. 1567, bur. there 4 Sept. 1598, son of Walter and Alice (_____) Tower. Their son Robert Tower, under age 21, and daughter Felicitie Tower, under age 18, were named in the 1597 will of their uncle, Robert Taylor. *Robert Tower* was bp. at Hemsby 8 Nov. 1590, and *Felicity Tower* was baptized there 12 Nov. 1592 (bur. there 23 Sept. 1598).

2. ROBERT^C TAYLOR was born say 1535, probably at Hemsby, Norfolk. He was buried there 13 July 1597. His wife MARGARET was buried in the adjoining parish of Ormesby Saint Margaret 29 October 1603.^[63]

As described above, Robert Taylor left a will dated 10 July 1597, proved 3 August 1597. Besides the nieces and nephews mentioned above, the will named wife Margaret, son Robert, daughter Anne Moulton, and son-in-law John Moulton. Bequests to John and Anne's children were to: "Robert Moulton the eldest sonne" ten pounds within one year; "Joseph Moulton second sonne" ten pounds within two years; "Bendiamyn Moulton the third and youngest sonne" ten pounds when age 14; "Anna Moulton eldest daughter" five pounds when age 18; "Matha seconde daughter" five pounds when age 18; and "Rabecca yongest daughter" five pounds when age 18 and a silver spoon.

Bequests to the children of son Robert were to: Robert Taylor "one Featherbedd with one payer of sheets and one silver spoone" when age 21; John Taylor "one Fetherbedd with one paier of sheets and one silver spoone" when age 21; and Margaret Taylor five pounds and one silver spoon when age 18.

Robert Taylor's widow Margaret left a will dated 18 May 1603, proved 14 November 1603.^[64] To her Moulton grandchildren, children of John Moulton of

⁶³ Parish registers of Ormesby Saint Margaret, transcript [FHL 1,702,623].

⁶⁴ Archdeaconry Court of Norwich wills, 1602–1603, fo. 220 [FHL 0,173,299].

Ormesby Saint Margaret, yeoman (whom she also named as sole executor), she made bequests of household goods to Robert at age 22, Joseph at age 22, Benjamin at age 22, Anna at age 18, Martha at age 18, Rebecca at age 18, Sara at age 18, and Hester at age 18.

To her Taylor grandchildren, children of her deceased son Robert Taylor of Hemsby, she made bequests of household goods to John at age 22, Robert at age 22, and Margaret (no age specified), as well as to the children's mother, also named Margaret.

Children of Robert^C and Margaret (____) Taylor, all but the first baptized at Hemsby:

- i. ANNE^B TAYLOR, b. say 1564; m. JOHN^B MOULTON, for whom see Part 1 of this article.
- ii. ROBERT TAYLOR, bp. 6 April 1566; bur. Hemsby 28 Feb. 1602/3; m MARGARET _____, bur. Hemsby 8 Dec. 1612. In his will dated 3 Feb. 1602/3, proved 19 April 1603,^[65] Robert gave lands to his wife Margaret and money and personal property to his children, Robert, John, Henry, Edward, Margaret, and an expected child, when of age. He appointed "Cozen Will'm Taylor" supervisor. His widow Margaret left a will dated 6 Dec 1612, proved 18 Feb. 1612/3.^[66] Their children, baptized at Hemsby, were: 1. *Robert Taylor*, bp. 8 Feb. 1590/1; 2. *John Taylor*, bp. 25 March 1593; 3. *Margaret Taylor*, bp. 23 March 1594/5; 4. *Phebe Taylor*, bp. 24 April 1597, bur. Hemsby 20 June 1597; 5. *Henry Taylor*, bp. 25 June 1598; 6. *Edward Taylor* (twin), bp. 15 June 1600; 7. *Elizabeth Taylor* (twin), bp. 15 June 1600, bur. Hemsby 4 Sept. 1602; 8. *Martha Taylor* (posthumous), bp. 16 May 1603.
- iii. ELIZABETH TAYLOR, bp. 8 July 1568; not named in the wills of her parents.
- iv. THOMAS TAYLOR (twin), bp. 15 Oct. 1570; bur. Hemsby 20 Oct. 1570.
- v. GRACE TAYLOR (twin), bp. 15 Oct. 1570; bur. Hemsby 23 Oct. 1570.

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⁶⁵ Archdeaonry Court of Norwich wills, 1602–1603, fo. 136 [FHL 0,173,299].

⁶⁶ Archdeaonry Court of Norwich wills, 1612–1613, fo. 227 [FHL 0,173,303].

HUMPHREY BLAKE (1494?–1558) AND HIS DESCENDANTS
IN NEW ENGLAND AND SOUTH CAROLINA: BLAKE,
RICHARDS, SELLECK, TORREY, AND WOLCOTT

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(continued from Register 163 [2009]:211)

10. ALICE^A RICHARDS (*Alice^B Blake, John^C, Humphrey^D*) was baptized at Pitminster, Somerset, in January 1581.^[138] She died at Combe St. Nicholas, Somerset, between 24 April 1634 (the date of her will) and 16 October 1634 (“died since the last court”).^[139] Alice’s burial entry is found on a fragment of a bishop’s transcript for Combe St. Nicholas, but the year of the transcript and the complete burial date are torn away; only the day “4” is still visible.^[140] Alice married at Pitminster 27 November 1604, **PHILIP TORREY** of Combe St. Nicholas, son of William Torrey.^[141] Philip Torrey, husbandman, died at Combe St. Nicholas between 21 April 1621 (date of will) and 27 June 1621 (date of probate). The following is a verbatim transcription of his will.^[142]

In the name of God Amen: The xxith day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord god 1621
I: Phillipp Torrey of Combe S^t Nicholas in the Countie of Somersett husbandman
beinge sicke of bodie but of pfect memorie (thanks bee unto god for it) doe ordaine
and make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge First I
bequeathe my soule unto Almightye god my maker and my Redeemer and my bodye
to be buried in the Church yard of Combe Item I give unto the releife of the poore of
Combe three shillings fowre pence Item I doe ordaine and appoint that Anne Torrey
mine eldest daughter shall have three score pound[s] be paide by mine Executors to
mine Overseers when she shall accomplish the age of sixteene yeares and I doe
intreate them to take the government of that portion untill shee shall accomlishe the
age of one and twentie years Item my minde and meaninge is that her owne portion
shalbe included herein as a pcell of this three score pound Item I doe give unto her
the biggest brasse pann to be delivered unto her at the time of her marriage and not
before Item I give unto Marye Torrey my daughter Twentye pound[s] be payed to my
Overseers by mine Executors when shee shall accomplish the age of sixteene yeares
and they to take the government of that portion untill shee shall accomlishe the age
of One and twentye yeares Item I do give unto her the second brasse pan to be
delivered unto her when she is one and twentye yeare old and not before Item I doe

¹³⁸ Parish registers of Pitminster [note 55].

¹³⁹ “Torrey, William,” in *Passengers of the Mary & John 1630* [note 137], 25:65–67 at 67.

¹⁴⁰ Bishop’s transcripts of Combe St. Nicholas, Somerset [FHL 1,470,914]. The surviving parish registers begin in 1678.

¹⁴¹ Both the marriage entry and Philip’s will identify Philip’s father.

¹⁴² Will of Philip Torrey, 1621, PCC, 56 Dale [FHL 0,092,084]. An abstract of this will is in Henry F. Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England*, 2 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1901; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1969), 1:548–49 (incorrectly shows the date of the will as 16 April 1621).

give unto Sarah Torrey my daughter Three and thirtye pound sixe shillings and eight pence to be paid unto mine Overseers by mine Executors when shee shall accomplish the age of sixteen yeares and then to take the government of that portion untill shee shall accomplish the age of One and twentie yeares and alsoe I do give unto her the second best brasse pott wch I have to bee delivered unto her at her marriage and not before Item I doe give unto James Torrey my sonn Thirty pound[s] be paid unto mine Overseers by mine Executors when he shall accomplish the age of sixteene yeares and they to take the government of that portion untill hee shalbee one and twentie yeare old And my will is that he shalbe putt unto some trade wherby he may the better walk in some vocacion and alsoe I doe give unto him one silver spoone to be delivered unto him when hee is one and twentie yeares old Item I doe give unto Phillip Torrey my sonne Twenty pound[s] be paid over to my Overseers by mine Executors when hee shall accomlishe the age of sixteene yeares and they to take the government of it untill he shalbee the full age of one and twentie yeares And my will is that hee shalbe putt an apprentice unto some trade so soone as he is able and alsoe I doe give unto him One silver spoone to be delivered unto him when hee is one and twenty yeares old Item I doe give unto William Torrey my son the biggest brassen pott the furnace kettle the best Table board the Cubbord wth this condition that his mother shall have the use of it so longe as shee doth keepe herselfe [a] widowe and dwellinge in the howse Item I doe give unto Joseph my sonne Tenn pound All the rest of my goods not given nor bequeathed I give and bequeath unto my wife whome I doe make and ordaine whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament And alsoe I doe appoint my Father Will[ia]m Torrey my cosen John Fry, John Richards, Robert Sellecke and Thomas Lumberd to be mine Overseers of this my last will and Testament and I give unto them five shillings a peece. By mee [signed] Phillipp Torrey. William Torrey, John Richards witnesses.

The will of Alice Torrey, widow of Philip, was presumably among those lost in 1942. The following is a copy of the published abstract:^[143]

Alice Torrey of Bettam in the parish of Combe St. Nicholas, Somerset, widow, 24 April 1634. To be buried in church yard of Combe. To the parish church iii^s 4^d and the poor of the parish vi^s viij^d. To son James Torrey so much of mine own estate as to make his father's bequest and his sister Marie's by 3 score pounds, and the same to be paid unto him within three months after my decease. A similar bequest to son Philip Torrey, to be paid unto him when he shall attain the age of one and twenty years and not before. To Joseph Torrey a similar bequest of three score pounds. To my servant Jone three pounds. To Samuel, the son of my son William, one book, in the house, of M^r Perkins' works. I give to him also one ewe and lamb the best of all my flock. All the rest of my goods not given nor bequeathed, my debts and legacies paid and my funeral discharged, I give and bequeath to William Torrey my son, whom I do make whole and sole executor, and for my son's assistance in the performance of this trust I do intreat Mr. Joseph Greenfeild my cousin John Blake Henry Dunster and Hugh Sheppard to be my overseers, for the good of my children.

Wit. Henry Dunster and *signum* Johan [mark] Clarke

¹⁴³ Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* [note 142], 1:549. After the signatures is the phrase "Memo: 13^{li} 10^s due from my brother in law Thomas Lumbard."

Children of Philip and Alice^A (Richards) Torrey; all born probably at Combe St. Nicholas, order uncertain:^[144]

- i. ANNE TORREY, bp. 17 Oct. 1605; m. by license dated 8 May 1627 HENRY DUNSTER,^[145] who was one of the overseers of and witnesses to the will of Anne's mother.
16. ii. WILLIAM¹ TORREY, bp. 21 Dec. 1608; m. (1) AGNES COMBE; (2) JANE HAVILAND; (3) (ELIZABETH FRY?).
- iii. MARY TORREY, d. after 24 April 1634, the date of her mother's will.
- iv. SARAH TORREY,^[146] d. after 21 April 1621, the date of her father's will, but not mentioned in her mother's 1634 will.
17. v. JAMES¹ TORREY, b. ca. 1612; m. ANN HATCH.
18. vi. PHILIP¹ TORREY, b. ca. 1614; m. MARY (SMITH) SCARBOROUGH.
19. vii. JOSEPH¹ TORREY,^[147] m. _____.

11. ROBERT^A SELLECK (*Elizabeth^B Blake, John^C, Humphrey^D*), yeoman of Over Stowey and Nether Stowey, Somersetshire, was born about 1584.^[148] He died probably at Nether Stowey in or about 1637.^[149] He married about 1608 THEOPHILA COX, daughter of Henry Cox, rector of Nether Stowey.^[150] She was buried as a widow at Nether Stowey, 8 January 1640/1.^[151] Robert was first a resident of Over Stowey, where most of his children were baptized. He settled at Nether Stowey after the baptism of his daughter Elizabeth in 1616/7. He was certainly living there by 1625 when he deposed in chancery that he was aged about forty years.^[152] Robert Selleck of Nether Stowey again testified in chancery

¹⁴⁴ The baptisms of the first two children are recorded in surviving bishop's transcripts of Combe St. Nicholas. The others are identified in the wills of their parents. Philip Torrey's 1621 will indicates some children were under 16, and his widow's 1634 will indicates son Philip was under 21. However, the wording of the wills does not exclude William and Joseph from being under 16 in 1621 and Joseph from being under 21 in 1634.

¹⁴⁵ J. L. Vivian, *The Marriage Licences of the Diocese of Exeter from the Bishop's Registers* (Exeter: William Pollard & Co., 1887), 96.

¹⁴⁶ "Torrey, William" [note 139], *Passengers of the Mary & John 1630*, 25:67, says Sarah Torrey was baptized at Combe St. Nicholas 18 September or October 1611; however, her baptism has not been found in the bishop's transcripts [note 139].

¹⁴⁷ Joseph's birth date is given as 21 June 1621 in Frederic C. Torrey, *The Torrey Families and Their Children in America*, 2 vols. (Lakehurst, N.J.: the author, 1924–29), 1:20. However, Philip Torrey's will, dated two months earlier, names a son Joseph.

¹⁴⁸ As stated in note 1, much of the account of Robert and Elizabeth (Blake) Selleck and their descendants is repeated from Stott and Kaufmann, "Selleck Family of Gaulden Manor" [note 1], *The American Genealogist* 81:36–47.

¹⁴⁹ Nether Stowey parish registers prior to 1640 are lost. Robert's year of death is deduced as follows: Robert was living in 1628 when he testified in chancery court. He was probably living in 1636 when his daughter Elizabeth was buried. However, he was certainly dead by 8 January 1640/1, when his widow was buried. A search of surviving Nether Stowey bishop's transcripts [FHL 1,470,910] did not find Robert's burial in 1629, 1636, 1638 or 1639. This leaves 1637 as the most likely year of his death.

¹⁵⁰ Squibb, *Somerset and Bristol Visitation 1672* [note 32], 76.

¹⁵¹ Parish registers of Nether Stowey, Somerset Record Office.

¹⁵² *Blake v Selleck*, Chancery depositions, 1625, C21/B12/20, The National Archives.

on 24 April 1628, now aged about 45 years, regarding the lands of Robert Blake, deceased.^[153] In 1621 Robert Selleck was one of the overseers of the will of Philip Torrey, whose wife, Alice Richards (#10), was Robert's first cousin. Four of Philip Torrey's sons and one of Robert Selleck's sons immigrated to New England.

Children of Robert^A and Theophila (Cox) Selleck, all baptized at Over Stowey except Nathaniel and Joan:^[154]

- i. NATHANIEL SELLECK, b. ca. 1609; no baptism found at Over Stowey, but he is identified as a son of Robert and Theophila Selleck in the will of his grandfather, Henry Cox of Nether Stowey.^[155] Nathaniel Selleck of Nether Stowey, gent., aged 26 years "or thereabouts," made a deposition in chancery on 28 Sept. 1635. The case involved a dispute over lands in the parishes of Spaxton and Nether Stowey between his uncles William and John Selleck, plaintiffs, and Richard Olyver and Simon Legg, defendants.^[156] Nathaniel Selleck of Nether Stowey, gent., was bondsman for the marriage license of his brother David¹ Selleck in 1636. He was still in Nether Stowey in 1641/2, when he was taxed in the lay subsidy.^[157]
- ii. JOHN SELLECK, bp. 6 Jan. 1611/2; resided at Nether Stowey. He d. 23 or 30 June 1690^[158] and was bur. in Wells Cathedral 1 July 1690.^[159] He m. MARGARET HALLETT of Corfe, Somerset.^[160] John's will, dated 10 Dec. 1686, proved 9 Oct. 1690,^[161] mentions, among others, his sister Joan Selleck, son John Selleck and his wife Elizabeth, son Nathaniel Selleck and his wife Susannah, and daughter Theophila Wynne. Also mentioned are the minor children of a cousin, Robert Selleck of Nether Stowey, deceased, and a dwelling house in Nether Stowey. Margaret was bur. at Nether Stowey, 8 July 1654.

John Sellecke, clerk, was taxed at Nether Stowey in the 1641/2 lay subsidy.^[162] He received a B.A. from Christ Church, Oxford, on 11 Feb. 1630/1; M.A. 29 Oct 1633; D.D. Lambeth, 4 Feb. 1664/5; rector of Elworthy, Somerset, 1643; canon of Wells, 1660; Archdeacon of Bath, 1661; rector of Clifton Campville, Staffordshire, from 1664 until his death.^[163]

¹⁵³ *Blake v Selleck*, Chancery depositions, 1628, C21/B16/7, The National Archives.

¹⁵⁴ Parish registers of Over Stowey [note 4].

¹⁵⁵ Will of Rev. Henry "Cocks," 1614, PCC 39 Lawe [FHL 0,092,057].

¹⁵⁶ *Selleck v Olyver and Legg*, Chancery depositions, 11 Chas. I [1635], C21/S18/1, The National Archives.

¹⁵⁷ Howard, *Somerset Protestation Returns* [note 95], 288.

¹⁵⁸ Squibb, *Somerset and Bristol Visitation 1672* [note 32], 77 (for earlier date); Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses* [note 71], 4:1332 (for later date).

¹⁵⁹ Register of Wells Cathedral, cited in Arthur John Jewers, *Wells Cathedral: Its Monumental Inscriptions and Heraldry* (London: Witchel and Hughes, 1892), 126–27.

¹⁶⁰ Squibb, *Somerset and Bristol Visitation 1672* [note 32], 77. Corfe parish registers have a gap in marriages from 1609 to 1775.

¹⁶¹ Will of Dr. John Selleck of Wells, PCC, register wills, 1690, folio 159 [FHL 0,092,367].

¹⁶² Howard, *Somerset Protestation Returns* [note 95], 288.

¹⁶³ Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses* [note 71], 4:1332; Frederic William Weaver, *Somerset Incumbents* (Bristol: C. T. Jefferies and Sons, 1889), 365; Squibb, *The Visitation of Somerset and the City of Bristol 1672* [note 32], 77.

Children of John and Margaret (Hallett) Selleck.^[164]

1. *John Selleck*, b. ca. 1641 (age 30 in the 1672 visitation); called "eldest son" of Dr. John Selleck in the will of his sister Joane. John Selleck, gent., resided at Stanton Drew, Somerset, where he d. between 24 Feb. 1715 (date of will) and 14 Jan. 1719/20 (date of probate).^[165] He m. (1) *Elizabeth Cooke*, daughter of William and Anne (Rolle) Cooke of Highnam, Gloucestershire; (2) *Penelope Newton*, daughter of Sir John Newton of Barrs Court in Bitton, Gloucestershire. Penelope d. 28 May 1722 age 63.^[166]
2. *Nathaniel Selleck*, b. ca. 1648 (called second son in 1672 visitation); d. Clifton Campville, Staffordshire, between 2 Dec. 1690 (date of will) and 4 Jan. 1700/1 (date of probate).^[167] He m. (1) *Anne (Piers) Deane*, daughter of Rev. William Piers, Archdeacon of Taunton, and widow of Dr. Henry Deane, Chancellor of Bath and Wells. She d. May 1680. He m. (2) *Susannah* _____. Nathaniel matriculated at Hart Hall, Oxford, 7 Dec. 1666, aged 18 years; B.A. 1670; M.A. 1673; canon of Wells, 1677; vicar of Buckland Abbots, Dorset, 1679–1690; rector of Clifton Campville, Staffordshire, 1690, after the death of his father, who held the same living; canon of Lichfield, 1690.^[168]
3. *Theophila Selleck*; m. _____ *Wynne*.
4. *Elizabeth Selleck*, bur. Nether Stowey 7 Feb. 1654/5.
5. *William Selleck*, bur. Nether Stowey 2 July 1654.
20. iii. DAVID¹ SELLECK, bp. 27 Feb 1613/4; m. SUSANNA KIRBY.
- iv. CHRISTOPHER SELLECK, bp. 3 March 1615/6.
- v. ELIZABETH SELLECK, bp. 12 Feb. 1616/7; bur. Nether Stowey 11 Dec. 1636.^[169]
- vi. JOANE SELLECK, b. probably at Nether Stowey, say 1620;^[170] d. unmarried, bur. Wells 2 June 1692. The will of Joane Selleck of Wells, spinster, made 5 June 1681, proved 3 Sept. 1692,^[171] mentions her brother Dr. John Selleck and his children.

12. ELIZABETH¹ SAUNDERS (*Ann^A Blake, John^B, Humphrey^C*) was baptized at Lydiard St. Lawrence, Somerset, 20 December 1584.^[172] She died at Windsor, Connecticut, 5 July 1655.^[173] She married at Lydiard St. Lawrence 19 January

¹⁶⁴ The children are named in the will of Dr. John Selleck (see note 161), Nether Stowey bishop's transcripts [note 149], and/or Squibb, *Somerset and Bristol Visitation 1672* [note 32], 77.

¹⁶⁵ The will is discussed in Jewers, *Wells Cathedral* [note 159], 127.

¹⁶⁶ Squibb, *Somerset and Bristol Visitation 1672* [note 32], 77; T. Fitz-Roy Fenwick and Walter C. Metcalfe, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Gloucester . . . [1682–83]* (Exeter, England: William Pollard, 1994), 47–48 (Cooke).

¹⁶⁷ The will is discussed in Jewers, *Wells Cathedral* [note 159], 126.

¹⁶⁸ Squibb, *Somerset and Bristol Visitation 1672* [note 32], 77; Jewers, *Wells Cathedral* [note 159], 26; Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses* [note 71], 4:1332.

¹⁶⁹ Nether Stowey bishop's transcripts [note 149].

¹⁷⁰ Over Stowey baptisms are lost for the period 1619–1698.

¹⁷¹ Published verbatim in Jewers, *Wells Cathedral* [note 159], 126–27.

¹⁷² Parish registers of Lydiard St. Lawrence [note 34].

¹⁷³ Barbour Collection, citing the Matthew Grant record for Windsor.

1606/7, **HENRY WOLCOTT**, baptized there 6 December 1579, son of John and Agnes (Cross) Wolcott.^[174] He died at Windsor 30 May 1655.^[175]

The Wolcotts arrived in New England on the *Mary & John* in 1630, settling first at Dorchester, Massachusetts, where he was assessor in 1633 and selectman in 1634. The next year the family moved to Windsor where Henry was constable in 1636, tax collector in 1637/8, on the committee for a highway between Windsor and Hartford in 1645, deputy to the Connecticut General Court for Windsor in April 1639, and assistant 1644–1655.^[176]

Henry Wolcott's will, dated at Windsor 13 May 1655, proved at Hartford 4 October 1655, calls Henry the eldest son, Christopher second son, George third son, and Simon youngest son. The will mentions an unnamed wife but no daughters. The following is a verbatim transcript.^[177]

The thirteenth of may one thousand for hundred and fifty five. I henry woolcott sick in body but of p^rfect memory doe make and ordaine this my last will and testamete in manner and forme Following. First I comend my soule to god my maker, hoping assuredly through the onely merit of Jesus Christ my Savior to be made p^rtaker of life everlasting: and I comend my Body to the earth whereof it was made. It: I will th[a]t my wife shall have all my homelott orchard garden hopyard and my lott in plimouth meadow, during the term of her life: Allsoe I give unto my wife two of my cowes and halfe of my house hold goods in my dwelling house: Allsoe I leave my land in England to Henry my Eldest sonn, without encumbrances: Allsoe I give unto him my two Bookes of Marters: Allsoe I give to christover my second sonne my lott in the great meadow after my death: And my house lott and houseing upon it, after the Death of my wife hee paying out of it thirtie pounds after my wifes decease as I shall further appoint: Allsoe I give to George my third sonne the five pounds hee owes mee, and five pounds more, Allsoe I give to Simon my youngest sonne all my land on the easterly side of the great River, and my lott att Heramamuetts: Allsoe to the children of Henry my Eldest sonne five pounds to Henry the Eldest of th[e]m: and to the rest of th[e]m fortie shillings a peece: Allsoe I give all the rest of my goods to be equally devided amongst all my children: Allsoe I appoint Henry wolcot my sonne to be overseer of this my last will and testament. Allsoe my will is th[a]t christover my sonne shall have my lott in plimouth meadow after the decease of my wife, allsoe my will is th[a]t my debts should bee first paid.

Octob^r: 4th: 1655: the above written being testified to the courte by m^r Henry woolcott upon oath and by m^r witchfeild to be the last will and Testament of m^r Henry

¹⁷⁴ Myrtle Stevens Hyde, "A Wolcott Correction," *Register* 157 (2003):256.

¹⁷⁵ Barbour Collection, citing Windsor Vital Records, Col. 2:160, which is Edwin Stanley Welles, *Births, Marriages and Deaths Returned from Hartford, Windsor and Fairfield and Entered in the Early Land Records of the Colony of Connecticut: Volumes I and II of Land Records and No. D of Colonial Deeds* (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1898), 160.

¹⁷⁶ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1995), 3:2049–52 at 2049.

¹⁷⁷ Hartford District Probate, Will of Henry Wolcott, 1655, 2:77–78 [FHL 0,004,572]; Charles William Manwaring, *A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records, Hartford District*, 3 vols. (Hartford, Conn.: R. S. Peck, 1904–06; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1995), 1:167–68.

woolcott Senio^r deceast the court approved of the same and ordered it to bee recorded: John Cullick seal

The daughters were mentioned in the will of their mother, Elizabeth Wolcott, made 5 July 1655 (the day she died), proved at Hartford 4 October 1655. A verbatim transcript of the will follows; the last sentence does not make perfect sense:^[178]

The fifth of July one thousand six hundred and fifty five. I Elizabeth woolcot doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in Manner and forme following.

Imprimis I will that my sonne George shall have five pounds worth of my part of the household goods, and five pounds worth of my cloathes. Allsoe I give unto Simon my sonne, the blewish stuffe hee bought for mee the last yeare. Allsoe I give the rest of my household goods to bee equally devided betwixt Christover and Simon my sonnes. Allsoe I give the rest of my cloathes to bee equally devided betwixt my two Daughters Anna and Mary. Allsoe I would intreat Christover to lett Simon to dwell in the house, and to have the use of halfe of it a while. Allsoe I give my two coves to bee equally devided among my grand children, moreover my will is that whereas I have appointed my part of the household goods to bee devided betwixt Christover and Simon except five pounds to George now my will is that it shall soe stand upon condition that Christover and Simon doe release there parts of the rest of the house hould goods or else there shall bee soe much taken out of this as there parts of the rest of the goods comes to:

witness: The mark of John Witchfield

Elizabeth E woolcott

Children of Henry and Elizabeth (Saunders) Wolcott, order uncertain:^[179]

- i. JOHN WOLCOTT, bp. Lydiard St. Lawrence 1 Oct. 1607; d. before 13 May 1655, when his father's will calls Henry his eldest son. John was living in England in 1631.^[180]
- ii. HENRY WOLCOTT, eldest son in father's will, b. say 1616; d. Windsor, Conn., 12 July 1680.^[181] m. there 8 Nov. 16– [probably 1641], SARAH NEWBERRY,^[182] b. say 1621, daughter of Thomas¹ and Joane (Dabinott) Newberry.^[183]
- iii. CHRISTOPHER WOLCOTT, second son in father's will, b. say 1619; d. unmarried at Windsor 7 Sept 1662.^[184] His nuncupative will of 4 Dec. 1662, divides his

¹⁷⁸ Will of Elizabeth Wolcott, 1655, Hartford District Probate, 2:79 [FHL 0,004,572]; Manwaring, *Early Connecticut Probate Records* [note 177], 1:166.

¹⁷⁹ Except as noted, all children are identified in the wills of their parents, cited above. See also Anderson, *Great Migration Begins* [note 176], 3:2051.

¹⁸⁰ John is mentioned in a letter dated 22 July 1631 ("Letter of Henry Wollcott," *Register* 4 [1850]:23–24).

¹⁸¹ Barbour Collection, citing Windsor Vital Records, 1:38.

¹⁸² Barbour Collection, citing the Matthew Grant record for Windsor.

¹⁸³ J. Gardner Bartlett, *Newberry Genealogy* (Boston: the author, 1914), 44; Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634–1635, Volume V, M–P* (Boston: NEHGS, 2007), 235–42 at 240.

¹⁸⁴ Barbour Collection, citing the Matthew Grant record for Windsor and Col. 1:55.

- estate among his siblings, who are not named except for Henry, who “should have more than any of the rest.”^[185]
- iv. GEORGE WOLCOTT, third son in father’s will, b. say 1622; d. probably at Wethersfield, Conn., between 19 Jan. 1662/3 (date of will) and 12 Feb. 1662/3 (date of inventory);^[186] m. by 1649, ELIZABETH _____, said to be the daughter of Richard¹ Treat.^[187]
 - v. ANNE WOLCOTT, b. say 1624; m. MATTHEW¹ GRISWOLD,^[188] son of George Griswold.^[189]
 - vi. MARY WOLCOTT, b. say 1626; m. Windsor 25 June 1646 JOB² DRAKE,^[190] son of John¹ Drake.^[191]
 - vii. SIMON WOLCOTT, youngest son in father’s will, b. say 1630; d. Windsor 11 Sept. 1687;^[192] m. (1) Windsor 19 March 1656/7 JOANNA COOKE,^[193] bp. Windsor 5 or 15 Aug. 1638,^[194] d. Windsor 27 April 1657,^[195] daughter of Aaron¹ Cooke,^[196] He m. (2) Windsor 17 Oct. 1661 MARTHA PITKIN, “late of England,”^[197] bp. Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, 12 Dec. 1639, d. East Windsor, Conn., 13 Oct. 1719 in her 80th year, daughter of William and Elizabeth (_____) Pitkin.^[198]

¹⁸⁵ Hartford District Probate, Will of Christopher Wolcott, 1662, 2:180 [FHL 0,004,572]; Manwaring, *Early Connecticut Probate Records* [note 177], 1:166.

¹⁸⁶ Hartford District Probate, Will and inventory of George Wolcott, 1662, 2:181–82 [FHL 0,004,572]; Manwaring, *Early Connecticut Probate Records* [note 177], 1:166–67.

¹⁸⁷ Elizabeth is mentioned in the will of her husband, George Wolcott, cited above. The “Chronologie” of the Wolcott family, written in 1691 by Josiah Wolcott, states that George married a Treat. However, neither Elizabeth nor her children are mentioned in the will of Richard¹ Treat, unless she remarried and was the “daughter Johnson” mentioned in Treat’s will. See the discussion in Donald Lines Jacobus and Edgar Francis Waterman, *Hale, House and Related Families* (Hartford, Conn.: Connecticut Historical Society, 1952), 767, 769.

¹⁸⁸ Henry R. Stiles, *The History of Ancient Windsor*, 2 vols. (Hartford, Conn.: Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1891–92; repr. Somersworth, N.H.: New Hampshire Publishing Co., 1976), 800. Their marriage is not found in Windsor vital records but is documented by a deed of gift from Matthew and Anna Griswold of Lyme, Connecticut, to their granddaughters Sarah and Anna Colton of Springfield, 3 June 1696, for land “which fell to us by ye decease & gift of Mr. Christopher Wolcot” (Windsor Deeds, 2:50 [FHL 0,006,189]). This was no doubt the land bequeathed by Christopher Wolcott of Windsor to his siblings in his nuncupative will, dated 4 December 1662 (see note 185).

¹⁸⁹ Genevieve Tyler Kiepora, “Griswold Ancestry in England,” *The American Genealogist* 39 (1963):176–80 at 179; John G. Hunt, “Further Griswold Notes,” *The American Genealogist* 41 (1965):100–01 at 101.

¹⁹⁰ Barbour Collection, citing the Matthew Grant record for Windsor and Col. 1:55.

¹⁹¹ Stiles, *History of Ancient Windsor* [note 188], 2:178; Anderson, *Great Migration Begins* [note 176], 581.

¹⁹² Barbour Collection, citing Windsor Vital Records, 1:52.

¹⁹³ Barbour Collection, citing Col. 2:159 and Windsor Vital Records, 1:63.

¹⁹⁴ Barbour Collection, citing Col. 2:151 and Windsor Vital Records, 1:6.

¹⁹⁵ Barbour Collection, citing Col. 2:160.

¹⁹⁶ Anderson, *Great Migration Begins* [note 176], 1:464–67 at 466; 3:2090.

¹⁹⁷ Barbour Collection, citing the Matthew Grant record for Windsor and Windsor Vital Records, 1:63.

¹⁹⁸ Mary Kingsbury Talcott, “Notes on the Pitkin Ancestry in England,” *Register* 66 (1912): 160–63.

13. WILLIAM¹ BLAKE (*William^A, John^B, Humphrey^C*) was baptized at Pitminster, Somerset, 10 July 1594. He died at Dorchester, Massachusetts, 25 October 1663 age 69. The death entry in the town records calls him the clerk of writs and recorder for the town.^[199] He married at Pitminster 27 September 1617, **AGNES (____) BAND.**^[200]

William Blake emigrated to New England in 1635 on the *Hopewell*, from Weymouth, Dorset.^[201] He was first at Springfield, Massachusetts, by 16 May 1636, and then settled at Dorchester by 16 May 1636.^[202] He was admitted as a freeman of Massachusetts Bay Colony 14 March 1637/8, along with six other Dorchester men.^[203] William Blake and Agnes Blake were admitted to the Dorchester Church together, their names being in a part of the list that has no dates.^[204]

William Blake left a will at Dorchester, dated 3 September 1661, proved at Boston 28 January 1663[4],^[205] referring to a wife and five children, none of whom are mentioned by name. Agnes died at Dorchester 22 July 1678.^[206]

Children of William and Agnes (____) (Band) Blake, all baptized at Pitminster except Edward:

- i. JOHN BLAKE (twin), bp. 30 Aug. 1618; d. Boston 25 Jan. 1688/9;^[207] m. Boston 16 Aug. 1654 MARY (SOUTHER) SHAW,^[208] d. 7 Jan. 1693/4, bur. King's

¹⁹⁹ [Twenty-first] *Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston Containing Dorchester Births, Marriages, and Deaths to the End of 1825* (Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 1890), 26.

²⁰⁰ Agnes's maiden surname has not been determined. Francis E. Blake wrote in 1898 that "recent investigations" suggest she may have been the widow of Richard Band and the daughter of Hugh Thorne, whose daughter Agnes was baptized at Pitminster 12 January 1594 (Francis E. Blake, *Increase Blake of Boston, His Ancestors and Descendants, with a Full Account of William Blake of Dorchester and his Five Children* [Boston: the author, 1898], 12). The baptismal entry exists, but proof of neither of Agnes's alleged marriages has been found. Hugh Thorne was buried at Pitminster 11 May 1617, but no will has been found for him or for Richard Band.

²⁰¹ Peter Wilson Coldham, "Genealogical Gleanings in England: Passengers and Ships to America, 1618–1668," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 71 (1983):163–92 at 173. The entry reads "William Black and family," which is comparable to most of the entries for this port list. The preceding entry was for "David Prise of Ilminster and family" (Ilminster is about ten miles east of Pitminster), and William Blake's first appearance in New England indicates a 1635 emigration. Robert Charles Anderson (who provided this source and those in the following three footnotes) has identified "William Black" as William¹ Blake.

²⁰² Charles Stearns, "Memoir of William Pyncheon," *Register* 13 (1859):289–97 at 296.

²⁰³ Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed., *Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, 1628–1686*, 5 vols. in 6 (Boston: William White, 1853–54), 1:375.

²⁰⁴ *Records of the First Church at Dorchester in New England, 1636–1734* [Boston, Mass.: G. H. Ellis, 1891], 3.

²⁰⁵ Suffolk County Probate, Will of William Blake, 1663, file 357, 1:418.

²⁰⁶ *Dorchester Births, Marriages, and Deaths* [note 199], 29.

²⁰⁷ John Blake's death was recorded in the account book of his brother James Blake (facsimile in Blake, *Increase Blake* [note 200], 31); John Blake of Boston left a will dated 10 January 1688/9, proved 21 February 1688/9 (Suffolk County Probate, 10:486–89), leaving most of his estate to wife Mary and brothers William, James, and Edward and their descendants.

- Chapel Burying Ground,^[209] daughter of Nathaniel¹ and Alice (Devonport) Souther, and widow of Joseph Shaw.^[210]
- ii. ANNE BLAKE (twin), bp. 30 Aug. 1618; d. Boston 12 July 1681 age 63;^[211] m. (1) by 10 Aug. 1651 (baptism of eldest known child) JACOB¹ LEAGER, bp. Hadleigh, Suffolk, 4 Sept. 1603, d. Boston 24 Feb. 1662/3, son of Jacob/James and Margaret (Grimwood) Leager;^[212] m. (2) by 9 April 1672 _____ HALLOWELL.^[213]
- iii. WILLIAM BLAKE, bp. 6 Sept. 1620; d. Milton, Mass., 3 Sept. 1703 age 83;^[214] m. (1) by 14 May 1650 (birth of eldest known child)^[215] ANNE BRECK, bp. Prescott, Lancashire, 23 Aug. 1629, daughter of Edward¹ and Mary (____) Breck;^[216] m. (2) Milton 22 Nov. 1693,^[217] HANNAH (TOLMAN) LYON, bp. Dorchester 26 April 1640, daughter of Thomas¹ and Sarah (____) Tolman,^[218] and widow of George Lyon.^[219]

²⁰⁸ [Ninth] Report of the Record Commissioners Containing Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1630-1699 (Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, 1883), 48.

²⁰⁹ Robert J. Dunkle and Ann S. Lainhart, *Inscriptions and Records of the Old Cemeteries of Boston* (Boston: NEHGS, 2000), 731.

²¹⁰ Mrs. John E. Barclay, "Nathaniel Sowther, Secretary of Plymouth Colony," *The American Genealogist* 42 (1966):217-21.

²¹¹ Anne Hallowell's gravestone inscription is cited in Blake, *Increase Blake* [note 200], 24. This gravestone was reportedly discovered in 1885 in the rear of the Tremont House, during excavations. It was probably originally placed in the adjoining Granary Burying Ground.

²¹² John Insley Coddington, "The Family of Jacob Leager of Hadleigh and Kersey, Co. Suffolk, England, and Boston, Massachusetts," *The American Genealogist* 19 (1942-43):193-97 at 196-97.

²¹³ Anne styled herself "Anne Leager alias Hollowell" in a deed to her brother John Blake, dated 9 April 1672 (*Suffolk Deeds*, 14 vols. [Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 1880-1906], 10:62-63). On 5 September 1679, she sold land in Boston as "Anne Leager alias Halwell of Boston, widow of Jacob Leager" (*ibid.*, 11:229). Administration on the estate of "Ann Leager alias Hallwell" was granted to her brother John Blake 17 August 1681 (Suffolk County Probate, file 1185, 9:43).

²¹⁴ *Milton Records, Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1662-1843* (Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, 1900), 208.

²¹⁵ *Dorchester Births, Marriages, and Deaths* [note 199], 5.

²¹⁶ F. V. Drifffield, ed., *The Parish Register of Prescott, 1573-1631*, Lancashire Parish Register Society, vol. 76 (Preston, Lancs., 1938), 96. She was evidently "daughter Blake" named in Edward Breck's will dated 30 October 1662, proved 11 December 1662 (Suffolk County Probate, file 322, 1:399). This identification is based on an article by Doris S. Willcox, forthcoming in the *Register*, on the origin of Edward¹ Breck.

²¹⁷ *Milton Records* [note 214], 94.

²¹⁸ *Dorchester Births, Marriages, and Deaths* [note 199], 152. Another Hannah, daughter of Thomas Tolman was recorded in Dorchester as born on 27 July 1642 (*ibid.*, 4). However, the birth record probably belongs to her brother John, who was baptized 31 July 1642 (*First Church at Dorchester* [note 204], 173). See Harrison Black, *Ancestry of Frances Maria Goodman, 1829-1912, Wife of Learner Blackman Harrison* (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2001), 495.

²¹⁹ The Milton marriage record does not identify Hannah Lyon as a widow, but a note attached to her baptismal entry in Dorchester, 26 April 1640, declares she "married m^r W^m Blake last & to m^r Lion first" (*First Church at Dorchester* [note 204], 152). George Lyon and Hannah [Tolman] were married at Dorchester 14 December 1661 (*Dorchester Births, Marriages, and Deaths* [note 199], 20).

- iv. JAMES BLAKE, bp. 27 April 1624; d. Dorchester 28 June 1700 aged 77 years,^[220] m. (1) by 15 April 1652 (birth of eldest known child) ELIZABETH CLAPP, b. ca. 1634, d. Dorchester 16 Jan. 1693/4 in her 61st year, daughter of Edward¹ and Prudence (Clapp) Clapp,^[221] m. (2) Rehoboth, Mass., 17 Sept. 1695,^[222] ELIZABETH (SMITH) HUNT, daughter of Henry¹ and Judith (____) Smith,^[223] and widow of Peter Hunt.^[224]
- v. EDWARD BLAKE, b. say 1630;^[225] d. Milton 3 Sept. 1692;^[226] m. by 29 Sept. 1658 (birth of eldest known child) PATIENCE POPE, b. say 1633, daughter of John¹ and Jane (____) Pope.^[227]

14. BENJAMIN¹ BLAKE (*Humphrey^A, Robert^B, Humphrey^C*) was baptized at Bridgwater, Somerset, 7 November 1614.^[228] He died in South Carolina, probably on his plantation in present-day Colleton County, about 1689.^[229] Benjamin married at St. Olave, Southwark, Surrey, 17 May 1653, **ELIZABETH (BLAKE) WILSON**,^[230] baptized at St. Dunstan, Stepney, Middlesex, 14 December 1632,^[231] daughter of Sidrach and Cicely (Hooke) Blake,^[232] and widow of Timothy Wilson of Yorkshire.^[233] It has been claimed that Benjamin Blake married a sister of Gov. John Archdale of South Carolina;^[234] however, no evidence to support this has been found.

²²⁰ *Dorchester Births, Marriages, and Deaths* [note 199], 124.

²²¹ Robert Charles Anderson, George F. Sanborn Jr., and Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634–1635, Volume II, C–F* (Boston: NEHGS, 2001), 76–81 at 78.

²²² James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642–1896* (Providence, R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1897), 198.

²²³ Carl Boyer 3rd, *Ancestral Lines: 206 Families in England, Wales, the Netherlands, Germany, New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania* (Santa Clarita, Calif.: the author, 1998), 596.

²²⁴ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 222], 198 (marriage), 838 (burial).

²²⁵ Edward is named in the will of his brother, John Blake, cited above.

²²⁶ *Milton Records* [note 214], 208.

²²⁷ Anderson, *Great Migration, Volume V, M–P* [note 183], 483–87 at 486.

²²⁸ Parish registers of Bridgwater [note 13].

²²⁹ Langdon Cheves, “Blake of South Carolina,” *South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* [hereafter *SCHGM*] 1 (1900):153–66 at 155. There seems to be no actual record of Benjamin Blake’s death. The last known record of Benjamin is a land warrant that he endorsed on 24 August 1688 (A. S. Salley Jr., *Warrants for Lands in South Carolina, 1672–1711* [Columbia, S.C.: University of South Carolina, 1973], 421).

²³⁰ Parish registers of St. Olave, Southwark, Surrey [FHL 0,365,307].

²³¹ Parish registers of St. Dunstan, Stepney, Middlesex [FHL 0,595,417].

²³² Thomas Colyer-Fergusson, ed., *The Marriage Registers of St. Dunstan’s, Stepney, in the County of Middlesex*, vol. 1, 1568–1639 (Canterbury: Cross and Jackman, 1898), 192 (married 8 April 1630). No evidence has been found to suggest that Sidrach Blake was related to the Blake family treated in this article.

²³³ Squibb, *Somerset and Bristol Visitation 1672* [note 32], 85.

²³⁴ *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* [note 109], 2:337–38 (John Archdale); William S. Powell, *The Proprietors of Carolina* (Raleigh, N.C.: Carolina Charter Tercentary Commission, 1963), 55.

Benjamin was a mariner and sea captain. He is called “Capt.” Benjamin Blake on his marriage record in 1653. In 1657 Capt. Benjamin Blake was living in Lymehouse near London, as shown in the baptismal entry of his son Benjamin.

In the war with Spain, Benjamin sailed to the West Indies with Admiral Sir William Penn and was appointed by him vice-admiral of the fleet there. However, he was sent back to England in 1656 after an apparent dispute with Admiral Goodsonn over the right of command.^[235]

Benjamin was a devout Puritan. Fearing that the next successor to the crown would turn the nation toward Catholicism, he went into the Carolina Colony with others of similar convictions about 1682. The historian John Oldmixon (1673–1742), who was acquainted with the Blake family in Bridgwater, stated:^[236]

’Twas about this time that the Persecutions, raised by the Popish Faction and their Adherents in England against the Protestant: Dissenters, was at the Heighth [*sic*], and no Part of this Kingdom suffered more by it than *Somersetshire*. The Author of this History lived at that Time with Mr. *Blake*, Brother to the famous General of that Name, being educated by his Son-in-law who taught School in *Bridgwater*; and remembers, though then very young, the Reasons old Mr. *Blake* used to give for leaving *England*: One of which was, That the Miseries they endured, meaning the Dissenters then, were nothing to what he foresaw would attend the Reign of a Popish Successor, wherefore he resolved to remove to *Carolina*: And he had so great an Interest among Persons of his Principles, I mean the Dissenters, that many honest substantial Persons engaged to go over with him.

Although Oldmixon did not give the name of the brother of General Blake with whom he lived, it could have been no other than Benjamin¹ Blake, who came to Charleston from Bridgwater about 1682. Oldmixon further declared that Mr. Blake was a “wise and prudent person,” and his family was among the “most considerable” in Carolina.

Governor John Archdale also praised Benjamin Blake in his *New Description of that Fertile and Pleasant Province of Carolina* (London, 1707):^[237]

In Gov: Moretons time General Blake’s Brother [Benjamin] with many Dissenters, came to Carolina, which Blake being a wise and prudent person of an heroick temper of spirit, strengthened the hands of sober inclin’d people and kept under the first loose and extravagant spirit, &c.

South Carolina historian Edward McCrady states that Benjamin Blake, Daniel Axtell, and Joseph Morton were the leaders of the dissenters’ movement that resulted in a doubling of the population of the colony between 1680 and 1682. All three of these men became prominent in the government of South Carolina.^[238]

²³⁵ Curtis, *Blake General-at-Sea* [note 41], 145.

²³⁶ John Oldmixon, *The British Empire in America*, 2nd ed., 2 vols. (London: Printed for J. Brotherton et al., 1741; reprint New York: Augustus M. Kelley, 1969), 1:467–68.

²³⁷ Cited in Cheves, “Blake of South Carolina” [note 229], *SCHGM* 1:154.

²³⁸ Edward McCrady, *The History of South Carolina*, 4 vols. (New York: Macmillan, 1897–1902; repr. New York: Paladin Press, 1969), 1:194.

Benjamin received large land grants in South Carolina. On 6 June 1682, he purchased a warrant for one thousand acres of land from the Lords Proprietors. He was awarded another 1090 acres by the proprietors on 29 March 1683, for transporting himself and twenty-one other persons into the colony.^[239] William Winter's warrant for 120 acres "on the Acco^{tt} of Arraivell Rights," dated 5 September 1694, shows that he and his wife, Mary Gunn, were among those transported into the colony in 1681 and 1682 by Capt. Benjamin Blake.^[240]

Benjamin named his plantations Plainsfield and Pawlett after places in Somerset that were associated with the Blake family.^[241] The historian Henry A. M. Smith located these plantations in Colleton County:^[242]

Admiral Benjamin Blake with 21 persons (including no doubt his son Joseph) arrived in the Province in 1681 and established his settlement at the "New Cut," at the junction or meeting point of the Stono and Wadmalaw Rivers, where he and his son had a fine settlement composed of two adjoining tracts of 1000 acres each called one "Plainsfield" and the other "Pawlett."

A 1715 map of South Carolina drawn by Herman Moll shows the Blake plantations in St. Paul's Parish, Colleton County.^[243]

Benjamin Blake held several responsible positions in the colony. He received a commission as a deputy to Sir Peter Colleton, a lord proprietor of the colony, on 30 September 1685. Benjamin's commission as Clerk of the Crown and Clerk of the Peace for that part of the colony lying south and west of Cape Fear is dated 10 October 1687. He served on the Grand Council during the administrations of governors Morton and Colleton.^[244]

Children of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Blake) (Wilson) Blake, all baptized at Bridgewater, except as noted:

- i. SIDRACH BLAKE, b. ca. 1654, called son and heir of Benjamin¹ Blake in the 1672 Visitation of Somerset. He was perhaps the "Shadrach" Blake who m. St. Katherine by the Tower, London, 23 April 1683 MARY COLEMAN.^[245]
- ii. BENJAMIN BLAKE, bp. Bull Lane Independent Chapel, Stepney, Middlesex, 11 Sept. 1657;^[246] d. apparently before 24 May 1659, when his brother Benjamin was baptized.

²³⁹ Salley, *Warrants for Lands in South Carolina* [note 229], 298–99.

²⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, 477–78.

²⁴¹ Cheves, "Blake of South Carolina" [note 229], *SCHGM* 1:154.

²⁴² Henry A. M. Smith, "The Upper Ashley and the Mutations of Families," *SCHGM* 20 (1919):162–63.

²⁴³ McCrady, *History of South Carolina* [note 238], vol. 1, frontispiece.

²⁴⁴ Charles H. Lesser, *South Carolina Begins: The Records of the Proprietary Colony, 1663–1721* (Columbia, S.C.: South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History, 1995), 169; Agnes Leland Baldwin, *First Settlers of South Carolina, 1670–1700* (Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 25–26; Cheves, "Blake of South Carolina" [note 229], *SCHGM* 1:154–55.

²⁴⁵ A.W.H. Clarke and R. H. D'Elboux, *The Registers of St. Katherine by the Tower, London, 1666–1686*, Publications of The Harleian Society, Register Series, vol. 77 (London, 1947), 73.

²⁴⁶ Register of the Bull Lane Independent Chapel, Stepney, Middlesex [FHL 0,596,969].

- iii. BENJAMIN BLAKE, bp. 24 May 1659.
- iv. SARA BLAKE, bp. 23 Dec 1661; bur. Bridgwater 23 May 1662.
- v. JOSEPH BLAKE, bp. 26 Apr 1663; d. Plainsfield, Colleton Co., S.C., 7 Sept. 1700;^[247] m. (1) by 14 April 1685 (date of her father's will) DEBORAH MORTON, daughter of Gov. Joseph Morton;^[248] m. (2) Dec. 1698 ELIZABETH AXTELL, b. say 1666–67, d. between 30 Sept. 1725 (date of will) and 23 July 1726 (date of probate), daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Holland) Axtell, and widow of Francis Turgis.^[249] Joseph Blake was the most prominent member of the family in the Carolina colony. He was part owner of the brigantine *Endeavor*, justice of the peace, deputy governor, lord proprietor, vice-admiral, lieutenant general, landgrave, member of the Grand Council, governor of Carolina in 1694–95 and 1696–1700,^[250] and a surgeon.^[251]
- vi. SARA BLAKE, bp. 1 Feb 1665/6. She was mentioned in the 1667 will of her uncle William Blake.
- vii. ELIZABETH BLAKE, bp. 5 May 1668; bur. St. Philip Parish, Berkeley Co., S.C., 12 May 1728;^[252] m. (1) WILLIAM DRY, son of Robert Dry.^[253] He d. intestate in 1699 leaving a son William, who was mentioned in the will of Elizabeth's brother Joseph; m. (2) RICHARD WEEKLEY of Charleston Neck, who d. between 17 Dec. 1716 (date of will) and 29 July 1720 (date of probate).^[254]

15. THOMAS¹ RICHARDS (*Thomas^A, Alice^B Blake, John^C, Humphrey^D*) was baptized at Pitminster, Somerset, 16 April 1596. He died at Weymouth, Massachusetts, between 17 December 1650 (date of will) and 18 January 1650/1 (date of first inventory).^[255] Thomas married about 1619 **WELTHEAN (LORING?)**, perhaps the sister of Thomas¹ Loring of Hull, Massachusetts, who is called

²⁴⁷ Lesser, *South Carolina Begins* [note 244], 178; Cheves, "Blake of South Carolina" [note 229], *SCHGM* 1:157. Joseph's will is abstracted in Caroline T. Moore and Agatha Aimar Simmons, *Abstracts of the Wills of the State of South Carolina, 1670–1740*, 3 vols. (Columbia, S.C.: R. L. Bryan, 1960–69), 1:21.

²⁴⁸ Cheves, "Blake of South Carolina" [note 229], *SCHGM* 1:154; A. S. Salley, Jr., "Governor Joseph Morton and Some of His Descendants," *SCHGM* 5 (1904):108–16 at 108–10; Susan Baldwin Bates and Harriott Cheves Leland, *Proprietary Records of South Carolina: Abstract of the Records of the Secretary of the Province, 1675–1695*, 3 vols. (Charleston, S.C.: History Press, 2005–09), 1:108 (will of Gov. Joseph Morton).

²⁴⁹ Paul C. Reed, "A Tale of Two Regicides: Daniel Axtell and Cornelius Holland (and Their Son and Daughter, Who Helped Save the Carolinas)," *The American Genealogist* 81 (2006):81–98, 192–98 at 195–97, 304–13.

²⁵⁰ Lesser, *South Carolina Begins* [note 244], 177, 178, 181, 182; Baldwin, *First Settlers of South Carolina* [note 244], 26; Cheves, "Blake of South Carolina" [note 229], *SCHGM* 1:155–57; A. S. Salley Jr., *Commissions and Instructions from the Lords Proprietors of Carolina to Public Officials of South Carolina, 1685–1715* (Columbia, S.C.: Historical Commission of South Carolina, 1916), *passim*.

²⁵¹ Bates and Leland, *Proprietary Records of South Carolina* [note 248], 1:95.

²⁵² Cheves, "Blake of South Carolina" [note 229], *SCHGM* 1:154–55.

²⁵³ Bates and Leland, *Proprietary Records of South Carolina* [note 248], 1:22, 25.

²⁵⁴ For both marriages, see Cheves, "Blake of South Carolina" [note 229], *SCHGM* 1:154–55.

²⁵⁵ Suffolk County Probate, New Series, 1:64–66.

“brother” in Thomas Richards’s will and in whose house the latter executed his will. Thomas Loring was from Axminster, Devonshire.^[256]

Thomas Richards emigrated to Massachusetts in 1633, settling first at Dorchester, where he was appointed selectman on 8 October 1633.^[257] He moved to Weymouth in 1639 or 1640.^[258] The inventory of his estate shows that he was a merchant with a large stock of cloth and thread.^[259] The following is a verbatim transcription of his will:^[260]

I Thomas Richards of the town of Waymouth in New England being at this presant [*illegible*] the 17 (10) 1650 in the towne of Hull in New England aforesaid in the house of Tho: Loringe being weak and sick in Body but of perfect memory doe make this as my last will and Teastymnt: Concerninge my estate as followeth

When my sonne John Come home my whole estat shall be Cast up what it comes too and my Sonnes John and James and Samuell and Joseph and Beniamine shall have all of them alike, dubble portions to my daughters out of it: my Sonne John shall have no more then one of the reste because I have been at greater charge wth him then with any of the other: my daughter[s] mary and An and Alce and Hannah shall have halfe so much as my sonnes all alike: only my daughter mary shall have teene pound more then any of the other and my wife shall have a competente and suffittient maintaineance allowed heere out of my estat that is to say thirty-five pound[s] a yeare and every yeare deuringe heere life & this of my wives meanes is to be ordered for the manner of it at the descrestion of those whome I have appointed to over see & divid my estates I doe Give to Brother Tho. Loringe five pound[s] for the Charge and troubell they have beene at with me also I doe Give to Thomas Prosser 20^{lb} my sonne John shall have my sonne Josephes and Beniamines portions in his hand Untill they be twenty and one yeares of age & then he shall pay it them & in the meane time John shall alow them for the use of it which shall be thought fit by the oversears of the estat allso I doe appoint & Give full power to my sonne John and Thomas Loringe and Nicolas Baker Both of Hull aforesaid to see this will of myne performed and what Charge and trouble they shall be at about it the[y] shall be fully satesfied out of my estat

my hand

Thomas Richards

Witnesse Thomas Loringe

Nico: Baker

²⁵⁶ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634–1635, Volume IV, I–L* (Boston: NEHGS, 2005), 340–45.

²⁵⁷ Anderson, *Great Migration Begins* [note 176], 3:1575–79.

²⁵⁸ Edward Everett Hale Jr., ed., *Note-book Kept by Thomas Lechford, Esq., Lawyer in Boston, Massachusetts Bay, from June 27, 1638, to July 29, 1641* (Cambridge, Mass.: American Antiquarian Society, 1885; reprint Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1988), 160, 243.

²⁵⁹ Suffolk County Probate, New Series, 1:66–72.

²⁶⁰ Suffolk County Probate, New Series, 1:64.

Welthean Richards, wife of Thomas, was under suspicion of witchcraft in 1653/4, but the case does not appear to have been prosecuted.^[261] She died at Boston, Massachusetts, between 3 July 1679 (date of will) and 4 November 1679 (date of probate). Her extensive will is quoted in part below.^[262]

I Welthean Richards of Boston in New England . . . Doe make ordaine & declare this my last will & Testament . . . Item I give & bequeath to my eldest son John Richards all that my dwelling house & land adjoyning Scittuate in Boston . . . And whereas my said Sone John hath formerly received of me to the vallue of three hundred pound in money the proffits whereof hath bene to my use and is to be until my decease, as by Instruments betwene us appeare, I do give & bequeath the Same after my decease to him . . . Item whereas my Son James Richards hath formerly received of me the Summe of Two hundred & fifty pounds in money the proffits of which hath bene to my use . . . I do give and bequeath the same after my decease to him . . . Item I will & bequeath unto Thomas Bradford five pounds in money. To Alice Bradford Three-score pounds. To Hannah Bradford forty pounds. To Mercy Bradford Tenn pounds. To William Bradford Junio^r Twenty pounds. To John Bradford Tenn pounds. To Samuel Bradford five pounds. To Melatiah Bradford five pounds. To Mary Bradford five pounds. to Sarah Bradford five pounds. these tenn above last named being Children of William Bradford of Plimouth Colony & my daughter Alice deceased. Item I will & bequeath to Samuel Hinckly Twenty pound. To Thomas Hinckly Jun^r Thirty pounds. To Sarah Bacon Tenn pounds. To Hannah Glover five pounds. To Mellatiah Crocker five pounds. To Bathshua Hinckly five pounds. To Mehettable Hinckly five pound[s]. To Mary Wyborne five pound[s]. These Eight last mentioned being Children of Thomas Hinckly of Plimouth collony & my daughter Mary deceased. Item I Give and bequeath unto Ephraim Hunt Junio^r five pounds To John Hunt five pounds Sons to Ephraim Hunt Senio^r of Waymouth and my late daughter Anne. Item I will & bequeath unto the daughter of Mary Wiborne abovesaid five pounds & to her Son Tenn pounds. To the son of Hannah Glover five pounds. To John Bradfords two Children five pounds each. To Samuel Hincklys child five pounds. To Sarah Bacons two Children five pounds each. To my son James^s Six Children Twenty shillings each to buy them a ring apeece. To Thomas Hunts two children five pounds each more to Alce & Hannah Bradford five pounds each to putt them in mourning at my funerall. Item I will and bequeathe unto the poore of Boston tenn pounds to be disposed of at the discretion of my Executo^r hereafter named, & to the first church in Boston five pounds. To Havard College five pounds. Item I Give & bequeath unto m^{rs} Sarah Leverett, relict of our late honoured Governo^r five pounds as an acknowledgment of her many kindnesses . . . To my Son John I give my biggest Silver tanckard. To Mercy Bradford the worst of my three feather beds, one bolster one Coverlet one paire of blankets, one p^r sheets one pillow & pillowbeere, the rest to Alce & Hannah Bradford to be equally divided by my Executo^r My wearing apparrell to bee equally divided betwene Alce & Hannah Bradford & Bathshua Hinckly . . . And I do hereby make ordaine & appointe my Loving son John Richards my sole Executo^r of this my last will & Testament . . . And I do hereby appointe & ordaine m^r Humphry Davie & m^r Anthony Stoddard overseers of this my last will &

²⁶¹ Anderson, *Great Migration Begins* [note 176], 3:1579.

²⁶² Suffolk County Probate, Will of Wealthean Richards, 6:314–16.

Testament . . . In Witness to the premises I have to this my last will & Testament Sett my hand and Seale this third day of July in the yere of our Lord one thousand Six hundred Seventy nine.

Welthean [mark] Richards

her marke & seal

Signed Sealed pronounced &
Delivered P[er] Welthean Richards
as her last will & Testament in
the presence of us Henry Phillips
John Waite

Children of Thomas¹ and Welthean (Loring?) Richards,^[263] the first six baptized at Pitminster; the last three, born probably at Dorchester, Massachusetts, are mentioned in their father's will:

- i. MARY RICHARDS, bp. 12 Nov. 1620; d. Barnstable, Plymouth Colony, 24 June 1659;^[264] m. Barnstable 4 Dec. 1641 THOMAS² HINCKLEY, bp. Hawkhurst, Kent, 19 March 1619/20, son of Samuel¹ and Sarah (Soole) Hinckley.^[265]
- ii. JOHN RICHARDS, bp. 13 Feb. 1624/5; d. Boston 2 April 1694;^[266] m. (1) Boston 3 May 1654 ELIZABETH (HAWKINS) (LONG) WINTHROP, b. 8 May 1629, bp. St. Dunstan, Stepney, Middlesex, 14 May 1629, daughter of Capt. Thomas¹ and Mary (Welles) Hawkins, and widow of Nathaniel Long and Adam Winthrop. She d. 1 Nov. 1691, probably at Boston.^[267] John m. (2) Boston 1 Sept. 1692 ANN WINTHROP, daughter of Gov. John² Winthrop of Conn. (*John*¹) and his second wife, Elizabeth Reade. Ann d. Boston 27 June 1704.^[268]
- iii. ANNE RICHARDS, bp. 1 Nov. 1626; d. between 1650 and 1655;^[269] m. EPHRAIM² HUNT, son of Enoch¹ Hunt.^[270]

²⁶³ Anderson, *Great Migration Begins* [note 176], 3:1577–78.

²⁶⁴ George Ernest Bowman, "Barnstable, Mass., Vital Records," *The Mayflower Descendant* 2 (1900):212–15 et seq., including 6 (1904):98.

²⁶⁵ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634–1635, Volume III, G–H* (Boston: NEHGS, 2003), 331–35.

²⁶⁶ M. Halsey Thomas, ed., *The Diary of Samuel Sewall, 1674–1729*, 2 vols. (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1973), 1:318. John Richards left a long and informative will, mentioning many of his own relatives and those of his two wives (Suffolk County Probate, file 2140, 13:416).

²⁶⁷ Wayne H. M. Wilcox, "Captain Thomas Hawkins, Shipwright, of London and Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Three Generations of his Descendants," *Register* 151 (1997):193–216 at 200–03.

²⁶⁸ Lawrence Shaw Mayo, *The Winthrop Family in America* (Boston: Massachusetts Historical Society), 40, 56–57; Thomas, *Diary of Samuel Sewall* [note 266], 1:295 (marriage), 508–09 (her death); Anderson, *Great Migration Begins* [note 176], 3:2040 (parents).

²⁶⁹ Anne was living when her father made his will 17 December 1650, but was dead by about 1655, when Ephraim Hunt had a child by his second wife, Ebbett Brimsmead (George Walter

- iv. ALICE RICHARDS, bp. 7 April 1629; d. Plymouth 12 Dec. 1671 age 44; m. soon after 23 April 1650 WILLIAM² BRADFORD, b. Plymouth 17 June 1624, d. there 20 Feb. 1703/4, son of Gov. William¹ and Alice (Carpenter) (Southworth) Bradford.^[271]
- v. HANNAH RICHARDS, bp. 26 Oct. 1630; d. Boston 10 Nov. 1651.^[272]
- vi. JAMES RICHARDS, bp. 13 Sept. 1632; d. Hartford, Conn., 11 June 1680;^[273] m. by 1662 SARAH GIBBONS,^[274] b. Hartford 17 Aug. 1645, d. Woburn, Mass., 8 Feb. 1714 age 69, daughter of William¹ and Ursula (____) Gibbons.^[275]
- vii. SAMUEL RICHARDS, b. say 1634; d. between 20 March 1652/3 (when a letter from his mother indicates he is alive)^[276] and 3 July 1679 (date of mother's will).
- viii. JOSEPH RICHARDS, b. say 1636; d. between 28 Jan. 1650/1 (when he petitioned to have his mother administer his father's estate)^[277] and 3 July 1679 (date of mother's will).
- ix. BENJAMIN RICHARDS, b. say 1638; m. Boston 10 Oct. 1661 HANNAH HUDSON,^[278] b. Boston 12 March 1643/4, daughter of William² (William¹) and Anne (____) Hudson.^[279]

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Chamberlain, *History of Weymouth*, 4 vols. [Boston: Weymouth Historical Society, 1923; vols. 3–4 reprinted as 1 vol. under the title *Families of Early Weymouth, Massachusetts*, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984], 313).

²⁷⁰ Alicia Crane Williams, ed., *Chase-Wigglesworth Genealogy* (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1990), 355–57.

²⁷¹ Ann Smith Lainhart and Robert S. Wakefield, comp., *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume Twenty-Two: Family of William Bradford* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2004), 5–8; Robert Charles Anderson, *The Pilgrim Migration: Immigrants to Plymouth Colony, 1620–1633* (Boston: NEHGS, 2004), 62–66.

²⁷² *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1630–1699* [note 208], 33.

²⁷³ Manwaring, *Early Connecticut Probate Records* [note 177], 1:355.

²⁷⁴ Clarence A. Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*, CD-ROM (Boston: NEHGS, 2001), shows of a marriage of date of “by 1662,” perhaps based on the approximate date of birth of the oldest child.

²⁷⁵ Lucius Barnes Barbour, *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982), 258–59, 476; Robert H. Montgomery, “Humphrey Davie, Merchant, of Boston,” *The American Genealogist* 23 (1946–47):206–17 at 208; Edward F. Johnson, ed., *Woburn Records of Births, Deaths, Marriages, from 1640 to 1873*, 10 vols. (Woburn, Mass.: Andrews, Cutler & Co., 1889–1919), 2:198.

²⁷⁶ Anderson, *Great Migration Begins* [note 176], 3:1578.

²⁷⁷ Suffolk County Probate, file 107, New Series, 1:65.

²⁷⁸ *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1630–1699* [note 208], 82.

²⁷⁹ *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1630–1699* [note 208], 15; Anderson, *Great Migration Begins* [note 176], 2:1035–37.

FAMILY RECORD.

MR. ELEAZER HAWKS,	Born April 21st,	1782.
MISS POLLY DRESSER,	" June 22d,	1786.
Mr. & Mrs. HAWKS,	Married March 23d,	1809.
HERVEY HAWKS,	Born Feb. 13th,	1810.
SYLVIA HAWKS,	" May 22d,	1811.
ELVIRA HAWKS,	" August 2d,	1813.
FRANCIS HAWKS,	" Feb. 2d,	1815.
HERMON HALSEY HAWKS,	" Sept. 15th,	1816.
RODNEY HAWKS,	" July 9th,	1818.
EDWIN HAWKS,	" Nov. 30th,	1819.
ALCANDER HAWKS,	" August 18th,	1821.
MARY DRESSER HAWKS,	" Dec. 15th,	1822.
AMOS HAWKS,	" August 8th,	1824.
MARY EMILY HAWKS,	" July 29th,	1826.
AN INFANT SON,	" Sept. 4th,	1830.
MARY DRESSER HAWKS,	Died July 17th,	1824.
MARY EMILY HAWKS,	" Nov. 18th,	1826.
AN INFANT SON,	" Sept. 7th,	1830.
MRS. POLLY HAWKS,	" Sept. 30th,	1832.
FRANCIS HAWKS,	" August 31st,	1833.
EDWIN HAWKS,	" Feb. 18th,	1837.
HERMON H. HAWKS,	" Feb. 26th,	1846.
Miss RHODA WILLCUTT,	Born May 9th,	1791.
Mr. E. HAWKS & Mrs. RHODA BALL,	Married Feb. 12,	1838.
WM. MAYHEW ELEAZER HAWKS,	Born Oct. 7,	1839.

Metcalf, Printer, Northampton.

Broadside family record lithograph printed by Metcalf of Northampton with vital statistics for the family of Eleazer Hawks of Charlemont and Goshen, Massachusetts, 1782–1846, acquired in 2008 by the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections Dept., NEHGS (Mss A 7330).

Additions and Corrections

CARPENTER. “Three John Carpenters: A Chain of Mistaken Identities,” by Eugene Cole Zubrinsky, 159 (2005):43–53. All additions and corrections are by the author. The misidentification at 159:45 of Martha Carpenter (died Swansea, 22 March 1735) as the daughter of Joseph³ and Margaret (Sutton) Carpenter is corrected at 159:361–62 by circumstantial evidence that she was the second wife of their son Benjamin (and daughter of Jonathan² and Rachel (Puffer) Bliss). Confirming this is the will of Martha Carpenter of Swansea, dated 2 September 1734 and proved 21 April 1735, which identifies her as the widow of Benjamin Carpenter (H. L. Peter Rounds, *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts, Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 2 vols. [Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987–88], 240 [see also 243]).

159:45. The deed by which John Carpenter (*Joseph³, William²⁻¹*) first purchased land at East Greenwich, Rhode Island, dated 29 November 1704, is not, as stated, the earliest record of Carpenter’s being of that town. John Carpenter had become an inhabitant of East Greenwich by 20 April 1700, when the town granted his request to be made a freeman; ten days later, he became a freeman of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations (East Greenwich Town Meeting Records, 1:58 [FHL 0,927,241 Item 1]; John Russell Bartlett, ed., *Records of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in New England*, 10 vols. [Providence, R.I.: A. C. Greene and Brothers, 1856–65], 3:406–07). On 4 March 1700/1, he was chosen a deputy from East Greenwich to the General Assembly (East Greenwich Town Meeting Records, 1:62).

CARPENTER. “Abiah³ Carpenter of Warwick, Rhode Island, and His Family: With Additional Material Concerning William¹ Carpenter of Providence, Rhode Island, and William¹ Carpenter of Rehoboth, Massachusetts,” by Eugene Cole Zubrinsky, 159 (2005):55–68. All corrections are by the author. At 159:57, note 8 (contd.), “‘Sarah Brooks, widow,’ . . . born 8 January 1717/8” should read “‘Sarah Brooks, widow,’ . . . died 8 January 1717/8.”

159:57, note 9. The assertion that Abiah Carpenter visited Musketa Cove (in Oyster Bay) briefly in 1670 is refuted at 161:300, which questions whether he was ever there; it now appears that he was. Carpenter was of Pawtuxet (Warwick) on 14 June 1669, when he quitclaimed to [his sister’s husband] Joseph Carpenter lands at Musketa Cove that Joseph had deeded him the previous November on the condition that he settle there within three years (John Cox, ed., *Oyster Bay Town Records*, 8 vols. [New York: T. A. Wright, 1916–40], 1:42–43, 49). That the quitclaim’s witnesses, John Townsend and John T(h)ompson, were Oyster Bay men, however, implies that Abiah had signed it there (*ibid.*, 1:4, 43–45, 49, 50, 51–52). In the week following the expiration of his term as constable of Warwick

(1 June 1668 to 7 June 1669), Abiah evidently gave Musketa Cove a look and decided against settling there (see Cherry Fletcher Bamberg and Jane Fletcher Fiske, ed., *More Early Records of the Town of Warwick, Rhode Island* [Boston: NEHGS, 2001], 158–59, 166–67). He almost certainly returned very soon thereafter to Pawtuxet, where Warwick records locate him in mid-January 1669/70 and indicate that his wife (unnamed but probably Mary Redway) was not well (see *More Early Records of Warwick*, 32–33).

STACY. “Clarke and Stacy Origins of Three Immigrants to Ipswich, Massachusetts, Simon and Elizabeth (Clarke) Stacy and Her Sister, Susanna (Clarke) Whipple,” by William Wyman Fiske, 160 (2006):17–29. For further research, see Myrtle Stevens Hyde, “Augments and Adjusts to Stacie and Archer Ancestors of New England Settlers Archer and Fitch, with the Addition of Searle Ancestors,” *The Genealogist* 22 (2008):175–85.

BOOK REVIEWS. The review of *The Ancestry of Diana, Princess of Wales*, 162 (2008):75, describes her American great-grandmother as “Frances Eleanor Work, later Lady Fermoy.” However, Frances Eleanor Work was divorced before her husband inherited the title of Lord Fermoy. And at 162 (2008):158, the review of *15 Generations of Whipples of Ipswich, Massachusetts*, should have described volume 1 as a family history of twelve generations of the author’s patrilineal line from Matthew Whipple.

SCARRITT. “Richard Scarritt of New London and Branford, Connecticut,” by Diane LeBlanc Delbridge, 162 (2008):204–11, 276–89. At 162:286 add that James Scarritt (1761–1839) married second at Hamilton, Madison County, New York, 18 January 1834, Eliza (_____) Collins (Nelson B. Tiffany, *Revolutionary War Veterans, Chenango County, New York*, 4 vols. [Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1998], 3:945–46).

KENT. “The English Background of Richard Kent Sr. and Stephen Kent of Newbury, Massachusetts, and Mary, Wife of Nicholas Easton of Newport, Rhode Island,” by Jane Fletcher Fiske, 162 (2008):234–54; 162 (2009):51–65. At 163:65 (and at 163:4) President Obama’s purported descent from this Kent family is noted. However, further research has shown this descent is not valid. Samuel and Rebecca (Kent) Scullard had a daughter Mary Scullard, who married John Rolph. However, John and Mary (Scullard) Rolph’s daughter Mary Rolph was born in 1659, and they are not known to have had a younger daughter named Mary. The Mary who married in 1706 Benjamin Dunham (born 1681) and had children born 1707–1712 could not have been born as early as 1659. Benjamin Dunham’s wife is shown as Mary _____ in the current reprint of Gary Boyd Roberts, *Ancestors of American Presidents, 2009 Edition* (Boston: NEHGS, 2009), 213. Benjamin Dunham was a patrilineal ancestor of the president’s mother.

BLAKE–RICHARDS. “Humphrey Blake (1494?–1558) and His Descendants in New England and South Carolina: Blake, Richards, Selleck, Torrey, and Wolcott,” by Clifford L. Stott, 163 (2009):85–97, 199–211, 279–91. At 163:85, 96–97 (and 163:83) Thomas¹ Richards should be shown without question as a Blake descendant, based on 163:211.

WILSON. “Massachusetts Descendants of the Rev. Thomas Wilson, Author of the Pilgrims’ *Christian Dictionarie*: Theophilus Wilson, Martha (Wilson) Bachelor, Mary (Wilson) Treadwell, and Their Nephew Samuel Taylor,” by Doris Schreiber Willcox, 163 (2009):5–15. Scott Andrew Bartley noted the following addition at 163:12: David Fiske, husband of Seaborn Wilson, died at Lexington, Massachusetts, 14 February 1710[1] (*Lexington, Mass.: Record of Births, Marriages, and Deaths to January 1, 1898* [Boston: NEHGS, 1898], 176).

163:14. Nicholas Mundy Sanborn, Sr., noted that the mother of Rebecca (Titcomb) Treadwell was Elizabeth (Bitfield) (Stevens) Titcomb (Dean Crawford Smith, *The Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton, 1878–1908, Part II: The Ancestry of Amanda Spiller, 1823–1873*, Melinde Lutz Sanborn, ed. [Boston: NEHGS, 2008], 285, 290).

KILBOURNE–GUNNISON. “Was Elizabeth² Kilbourne the First Wife of Hugh¹ Gunnison of Boston and Kittery?” by Ernest H. Helliwell III, 163 (2009):16–18. David L. Greene, FASG, commented that the statement about a hard ‘G’ sound at the end of the first paragraph at 163:17 does not necessarily reflect pronunciation of the period.

BULKELEY–CLARKE. “Mary (Bulkeley) Clarke’s Birth Year Corrected,” by Robert M. Gerrity, 163 (2009):66. David L. Greene, FASG, commented that colonial American gravestones appear to have commonly used “anno aetatis suae” to mean “aged,” not “in the year of [his/her] age.”

JONES. “Was Nathaniel Jones, Who Married Mary Rediat in 1696, a Son or Grandson of John¹ and Dorcas (____) Jones of Concord, Massachusetts?” by Ann L. Dzindolet, 163 (2009):101–12. Martin E. Hollick noted that Joseph² Jones (at the top of 163:108) died 2 October 1677 at Concord, but that he was described as “Joseph son of Dorcas Buss” in his death record.

PHELPS. “Three Men Named Isaac Phelps with Connections to Windsor, Connecticut,” by Nancy J. Pennington, 163 (2009):117–33. Based on the date of marriage of Isaac Phelps and Mary Maudsley and the dates of birth and death of their first child, Arthur M. Sikes, Jr., noted that Isaac Phelps of Westfield (at 163:118) was born 26 January 1692/3, not 26 January 1691/2.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

This is to introduce *American Ancestors Journal*, the first annual supplement to the *Register*. The creation of this new vehicle for communicating valuable scholarship beyond New England will serve our geographically diverse audience with first rate content and, at the same time, broaden our institutional reach. *American Ancestors Journal* is automatically included with NEHGS membership, and is available in both print and paperless PDF formats.

American Ancestors Journal provides readers genealogical content of national scope, with an emphasis on New York State and out migrations from New England. This first issue is thirty-six pages, and future issues may be longer. The editors are Henry B. Hoff and Helen Schatvet Ullmann, who are also the editor and associate editor of the *Register*, respectively.

Many good articles have been submitted to the *Register* that had only a minimal connection to New England — or none at all. Articles like these will now be considered for *American Ancestors Journal*. The editors are looking for short articles (eight pages or less), that solve identification problems or present a brief genealogy in the eighteenth and/or nineteenth centuries, with an emphasis on New York State and out migrations from New England.

The most recent survey of NEHGS members revealed that New York research was of great interest to members, second only to Massachusetts. The creation of *American Ancestors Journal* is one response to that survey. Other NEHGS initiatives for New York State research include the addition of New York material on *NewEnglandAncestors.org*, particularly “Abstracts of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787–1835,” an essential resource for upstate New York research. Each issue of *New England Ancestors* now has a “Focus on New York” column, in addition to periodic New York articles. And a separate website, *NewYorkAncestors.org*, has been created.

We continue to work hard at NEHGS to create new ways in which we can serve our members and fulfill the Society’s mission to collect, preserve, and interpret materials to document and make accessible the history of families in America.

D. Brenton Simons
President and CEO
New England Historic Genealogical Society

Many NEHGS members have a little New York Dutch ancestry, thanks to the marriage of a migrating New England ancestor in the Hudson River Valley or further north in New York. Our lead article, by Abbott Lowell Cummings, is **Revolutionary War Captain Cornelius Wiltsie of Pittstown, New York**. The author's ancestor, William Comins (later Cummings), moved from Connecticut to Rensselaer County, New York, and married Jemima Wiltsie. Proving the identity of her father, Captain Cornelius Wiltsie, was the goal of Part 1 of this article, with the result that contemporary relatives with the same name are also correctly identified for the first time. The author's substantial research on the family of Hannah Filkin, Captain Cornelius Wiltsie's first wife, is included here. Part 2 (to be published a year from now) will treat the descendants of Captain Cornelius Wiltsie.

A family Bible record identifies **Jonathan Wood (1747–1820) of Little Compton, Rhode Island, and Dutchess County, New York**, his seven children, and descendants of his youngest son James. The record has been in print since 1962, but had not been widely recognized by family researchers. The author, Michael M. Wood, tracked down the original family record and added further research, including a family Bible record kept by descendants of Elisha Wood, another son of Jonathan Wood.

The Tudor Family of Barbados, Boston, New York City, Newport, and Bermuda, was founded by John Tudor (ca. 1649–1708) who came to Boston in 1671. During his three years there he was ordered to “depart the Town” three times for his behavior; finally in 1674 he moved to New York City. By two wives he had nine children, all of whom married and had children of their own. Some of John's sons and grandsons were mariners and so appeared in records of various English colonies. However, his daughters did not all stay in New York City; one settled on Bermuda, another in Connecticut, and two in Dutchess County, New York. After the American Revolution, John⁴ Tudor (*John*³⁻²⁻¹) of Bermuda claimed to be heir at law of John¹ Tudor. This claim was helpful in establishing his place in the family, but did him no good as John¹ Tudor appears to have died insolvent.

We trust readers will enjoy these articles and find the contents useful, especially the footnotes!

Henry B. Hoff and Helen Schatvet Ullmann

REVOLUTIONARY WAR CAPTAIN CORNELIUS WILTSIE OF PITTSTOWN, NEW YORK

*Abbott Lowell Cummings**

This study seeks to answer two questions. First, which of two mid-eighteenth-century Dutchess County, New York, men named Cornelius Wiltsie can be identified with Revolutionary War Captain Cornelius Wiltsie of Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York? And second, is it possible to identify children born to Captain Cornelius? To address these questions, we begin with a brief survey of the major published sources on the Wiltsie family. We then examine whatever documentary or circumstantial evidence has been found that might help to illuminate the subject, and bring some order out of a large corpus of unverified and partially incorrect information, which has circulated widely in published sources and on the Internet.

Concerning the published sources, no less than four major studies of the Wiltsie family of New Amsterdam, with its variant surname spellings, have been published, the most recent by George Olin Zabriskie.^[1] The earliest, written by Jerome Wiltsee (1834–1924), is entitled *A Genealogical and Psychological Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee and his Descendants With a Historical Introduction Referring to The Wiltsee Nation and its Colonies*.^[2] Zabriskie describes this work as the “first comprehensive history of the Wiltsie family,” although he has devoted an entire essay to a discussion of its author’s limitations, especially the latter’s reliance on the occult.^[3] Further, Zabriskie shows that

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¹ George Olin Zabriskie, “The Wiltsie Family of Early New York,” *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* (hereafter *NYGBR*) 106 (1975):129–33, 208–11; 107 (1976):13–20, 81–90, 157–61, 211–17; 108 (1977):32–36.

² Jerome Wiltsee, *A Genealogical and Psychological Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee and his Descendants With a Historical Introduction Referring to The Wiltsee Nation and Its Colonies* (Atchinson, Kans.: G. W. Myers, 1908).

³ Zabriskie, “Wiltsie Family” [note 1], *NYGBR* 108:32–36. J. Wiltsee, *Philippe Maton Wiltsee* [note 2], as Zabriskie points out, includes in one instance a footnote (page 65) which explains that a statement in the text “is family tradition, sustained by retrospective visions hereafter to be

Jerome Wiltsee was entirely in error in his claim that one Philippe Maton, a Walloon living at Leyden, was the original ancestor of the Wiltsee family in America. The profile of Maton which Jerome Wiltsee presents is fictional in many respects and adopts factual elements of another family altogether. Thus Zabriskie writes, “Hendrick Martensen Wiltsee van Copenhagen, the real founder of the American Wiltsee family, was cast as a son of the mythical Philippe Maton.”^[4]

The next study in chronological order, with a copyright date of 1964, was compiled by Nelson Simeon Wiltsee and Roger H. Wiltsee,^[5] and, although bearing virtually the same title as Jerome Wiltsee’s prior publication, contains new information “obtained from personal knowledge of those contacted, history books,” and other sources, and provides in particular an extended record of families throughout the first half of the twentieth century, building upon Jerome Wiltsee’s earlier work.

Shortly before Zabriskie published his researches in periodical form, a long article entitled “The Wilsey Family,” appeared in 1970 in *The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany Yearbook*.^[6] This study, we are told, was “Correlated by Col. William V. Hannay,” and “compiled from the vast amount of data collected by the late Mariam Fares Wilsey, wife of John E. Wilsey. It consists of Bible records, family records, copies of wills, news items, [and] letters.”^[7] Unfortunately, there are few, if any, specific references to any of this primary source material throughout the article as published.

Finally, the most definitive study (for the earlier generations at least) was published in serial form by genealogist George Olin Zabriskie (1904–1988), between 1975 and 1977. As a leading authority on the colonial Dutch families of New Netherland, Zabriskie explained initially that his intention was to “up-date the parentage and sequence of birth of the first three generations [from Hendrick] . . . and to list the children of the fourth generation. This [latter] list however is given with less certainty of correctness than those of the second and

recorded.” In effect, Zabriskie continues, “Jerome warned his readers that his account of the activities of family members was based not only on normal genealogical research, but also on his to-be-demonstrated mental abilities and self-claimed ‘occult powers.’” In the present study I have confined myself for the most part to Jerome Wiltsee’s statements based on “normal genealogical research,” especially those for which the genealogist has provided a documentary source.

⁴ Zabriskie, “Wiltsee Family” [note 1], *NYGBR* 108:32–36 at 35.

⁵ Nelson Simeon Wiltsee and Roger H. Wiltsee, *A Genealogical and Psychological Record of the Philippe Maton Wiltsee Family and his Descendants With a Historical Introduction Referring to The Wiltzi Nation and its Colonies* (Salt Lake City: privately printed, 1964).

⁶ [Mariam Fares Wilsey,] “The Wilsey Family,” *The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany Yearbook* 42 (1968–70):5–158.

⁷ Col. Hannay states (page 5) that “The family proposes to turn this data over to the Genealogical Library of the Mormon [*sic*] Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, for deposit in its archives,” but the Family History Library catalogue at present contains no listing for these underlying materials.

third generations.”^[8] Notwithstanding this disclaimer, Zabriskie is by far the most authoritative of the various Wiltsie family researchers.

From all this established literature, and where amply buttressed by contemporary records, we introduce here a brief digest of the first two generations of the Wiltsie family, from whom both of the subjects of this study are descended.

FIRST GENERATION

HENDRICK MARTENSEN¹ WILTSIE VAN COPENHAGEN. Zabriskie gives the most responsible account of the founder of the family, from which the following facts have been extracted.^[9] He was born at Copenhagen, Denmark, according to his marriage intention in 1660. The first record of him in New Netherland was at Fort Orange (Albany, New York) on 23 July 1658.^[10]

As Hendrick Martensen, bachelor, from Copenhagen, he married first, after 10 January 1660 (when their marriage intention was recorded at the New Amsterdam Dutch Reformed Church), **MARGRIETJE MEIJERING**,^[11] born in the Dutch colony in Brazil, daughter of Jan and Teuntje (Straitsman) Meyer (or Meijering),^[12] and widow of Herman Jansen Van Lenneps.^[13] Margrietje (i.e., Margaret) died after 6 July 1701 when she and her husband were baptismal witnesses at the New York Dutch Reformed Church.^[14] Hendrick Martensen married second by Lutheran rite at the house of Mr. Pieter Van Woglum 10 or 26 June 1705, “Steentje, widow,”^[15] later referred to as **STEENTJE ARIANSE** (see below).

Hendrick joined the military garrison at Wiltwyck (now Kingston, New York) by 5 June 1661,^[16] and his first four children were baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church there, beginning on 11 December 1660.^[17] He was assigned

⁸ Zabriskie, “Wiltsie Family” [note 1], *NYGBR* 106:129.

⁹ Zabriskie, “Wiltsie Family” [note 1], *NYGBR* 106:129–33. Source citations have been added since the article, although apparently highly accurate, lacks precise citations.

¹⁰ Charles T. Gehring, ed., *Fort Orange Court Minutes, 1652–1660*, New Netherland Documents Series (Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 1990), 391. He was the only Hendrick Martensen in the area in 1658.

¹¹ *Marriages from 1639 to 1801 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam – New York City*, Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, vol. 9 (New York, 1940):25.

¹² James Riker, *Revised History of Harlem (City of New York): Its Origin and Early Annals* (New York: New Harlem Publishing Co., 1904), 374–75; Herbert F. Seversmith, *Colonial Families of Long Island, New York, and Connecticut*, 5 vols. and 2 microfilm reels (Washington, D.C.: the author, 1939–58), reel 2 “Straetsman.”

¹³ *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York*, Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, vol. 2 (New York, 1901):48.

¹⁴ *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* [note 13], 277.

¹⁵ “Some Early Records of the Lutheran Church, New York,” *Year Book of The Holland Society of New York for 1903* (New York, 1903), 4, 10.

¹⁶ *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, 15 vols. (Albany, N.Y.: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1856–87), 13:202.

¹⁷ Roswell Randall Hoes, *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, 1660–1809* (New York: De Winne Press, 1891), 1.

Number 2 of the New Lots at Esopus (now Hurley), March 1661, and he signed a deposition on 28 April 1667 as one of the burghers at Wiltwyck.^[18] This was the last record of him found at Wiltwyck and environs.

His four youngest children were baptized at the New York Dutch Reformed Church, the first on 24 November 1669.^[19] His name appears on the Newtown (Long Island) rate lists for 1675, 1678, and 1683.^[20] In September 1681 he purchased a farm in Newtown near Hellgate on which he was then living.^[21] He was listed in the 1698 census of Newtown,^[22] and Zabriskie thought it probable that he remained at Newtown for the balance of his life. Exact dates of death for Hendrick Martensen or either of his wives have not been found. “Hendrick Wiltzen and Stijntje Arianse” witnessed a baptism at the New York Dutch Reformed Church 29 May 1707,^[23] which is the last reference found to either of them.

SECOND GENERATION

MARTEN HENDRICKSEN² WILTSIE, fourth son of Hendrick Martensen Wiltsie Van Copenhagen and his first wife, Margrietje Meijering, was baptized at the Kingston Dutch Reformed Church 3 April 1667.^[24] As “Marten Henderickse Wiltsze,” bachelor, residing at Newtown, he married, with intentions at the Flatbush Dutch Reformed Church dated 26 July 1690, **MARYTIE VAN WYCK**, spinster, residing at Flatbush,^[25] daughter of Cornelius Barentse and Anna (Polhemus) Van Wyck.^[26] Zabriskie listed nine children, “all born in Queens (probably Newtown).” However, Marten Wiltsie and family were listed in the 1698 census of Flushing,^[27] rather than the 1698 census of Newtown (both towns

¹⁸ *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of New York* [note 16], 13:195, 414.

¹⁹ *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* [note 13], 96.

²⁰ Edmund Bailey O’Callaghan, *List of Inhabitants of Colonial New York, Excerpted from The Documentary History of the State of New-York* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1979), 86 (1675), 135 (1683); Peter R. and Florence A. Christoph, *The Andros Papers*, 3 vols. (Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 1989–91), 3:465 (1678).

²¹ *Town Minutes of Newtown, 1653–1734*, 2 vols. (New York: Historical Records Survey, 1940–41), 2:285.

²² Charles Carroll Gardner, “Census of Newtown, Long Island, August 1698,” *The American Genealogist* 24 (1948):133–37 at 135.

²³ *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* [note 13], 323.

²⁴ Hoes, *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston* [note 17], 6. As with the entry for his father, Hendrick Martensen, the facts in this brief account are based on Zabriskie, “Wiltsie Family” [note 1], *NYGBR* 106:209–10. See note 9.

²⁵ David William Voorhees, ed., *Records of The Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Flatbush, Kings County, New York, Volume 1, 1677–1720* (New York: The Holland Society of New York, 1998), 271.

²⁶ *Genealogies of Long Island Families from The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 2 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987), 624–25; Anne Van Wyck, *Descendants of Cornelius Barentse Van Wyck and Anna Polhemus* (New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1912), 29, 381.

²⁷ O’Callaghan, *List of Inhabitants of Colonial New York* [note 20], 40.

were in Queens County, Long Island, as was Jamaica). Marten Wiltsie and Marytie Wiltsie witnessed several baptisms at the Jamaica Dutch Reformed Church between 10 September 1720 and 27 March 1742.^[28] However, it is not clear which baptisms were witnessed by the parents and which baptisms were witnessed by their children, also named Marten and Marytie.

WHICH DESCENDANT OF MARTEN HENDRICKSEN WILTSIE WAS CAPTAIN CORNELIUS WILTSIE?

The given name Cornelius appears for the first time in the Wiltsie family among the descendants of Marten Hendricksen² Wiltsie, whose father-in-law was named Cornelius. Two of Marten's sons had sons named Cornelius, and Marten also had grandsons named Cornelius. One of them must be Captain Cornelius Wiltsie, but which one?

Among the nine children assigned by Zabriskie to Marten Hendricksen and Marytie (Van Wyck) Wiltsie were sons Cornelius and Johannes. **CORNELIUS³ WILTSIE** was the oldest, born in Queens County (probably at Newtown) about 1691. He married **RUTH SMITH**, daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah (_____) Smith of Hempstead, Queens County (now in Nassau County).^[29] Cornelius had moved with his family to Dutchess County by 25 June 1736, when he witnessed the baptism of a grandson at Fishkill on that date.^[30] As "Cornelius Wiltse" (signature) of Rombouts Precinct in Dutchess County, he made a will dated 15 December 1755, proved 6 January 1756.^[31]

JOHANNES³ WILTSIE, third child of Marten Hendricksen and Marytje, was also born in Queens (probably at Newtown), and was baptized 25 August 1695 at

²⁸ Kenn Stryker-Rodda, "Records of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica, Long Island: Baptisms," *NYGBR* 105 (1974):10–17, 93–97, 146–48, 203–08; 106 (1975):19–26, 87–94 at 87 [1720], 139–43, 200–07; 107 (1976):33–42, 105–10, 154–57, 203–10; 108 (1977):20–26 et seq., at 20 [1742].

²⁹ Frederick C. Hart, Jr., "James Smith of Newtown, Long Island, His Descendants in Huntington, and His Brother, John Smith of Hempstead," *NYGBR* 134 (2003):163–74, 289–99, at 174. The will of Jeremiah Smith of Herricks in Hempstead, dated 23 October 1725, proved 2 April 1726, mentioned two youngest daughters, Ruth Wiltsee and Ann Smith (*Long Island Source Records from The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* [Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987], 147; *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*, 17 vols., Collections of The New-York Historical Society, vols. 25–41 [New York, 1893–1909], 2:373–74). See also *Long Island Source Records*, 307, and Benjamin D. Hicks, ed., *Records of the Towns of North and South Hempstead, Long Island*, 8 vols. (Jamaica, N.Y.: Town of North Hempstead, 1897), 2:216–17; 8:237.

³⁰ Jean D. Worden, *First Reformed Church, Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York* (Franklin, Ohio: the compiler, 1981), 58.

³¹ J. Wiltsee, *Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee* [note 2], 105–06. This will was proved in Dutchess County evidently, but was not recorded in New York City or Albany, as one might expect. For an explanation see Gordon L. Remington, *New York Probate Records: A Genealogist's Guide to Testate and Intestate Records* (Boston: NEHGS, 2002), 2

the New York Dutch Reformed Church.^[32] He married **TEUNTJE HAFF**, daughter of Laurens Jeurians and Kniertje Pieters (Meet) Haff.^[33] Johannes moved with his family to Dutchess County between 6 September 1732, when he witnessed a baptism at the Jamaica Dutch Reformed Church,^[34] and 26 September 1733, when his daughter Sara was baptized at the Fishkill Dutch Reformed Church.^[35] Of their children, the first nine were baptized at Jamaica, the later children were baptized at Fishkill.^[36]

Both brothers, Cornelius and Johannes Wiltsie, had sons named Cornelius, and among the grandchildren of the two brothers can be found an additional four males with the same name.^[37] All of the principal Wiltsie family genealogists deal to one degree or another with these men named Cornelius, and their research would seem to indicate that there were no others of the name during the stated period. **Cornelius**⁴, son of Cornelius³, was baptized at the Jamaica Dutch Reformed Church 12 April 1724,^[38] and died reportedly in 1794,^[39] having had fourteen children born between 1750 and 1775.^[40] He cannot be identified with Captain Cornelius Wiltsie of Pittstown, subject of our study, who was still living when the census of 1800 was taken, and who, as we shall see, had a wife and children in the early 1750s who were entirely different from those of Cornelius⁴, baptized 1724. The four grandsons in the fifth generation named Cornelius can also be eliminated as having been born too late to be Captain Cornelius.

The field is thus narrowed to a consideration of only two possible candidates, **Cornelius**⁴ **Wiltsie**, son of Johannes³ (*Marten*², *Hendrick*¹), baptized as one of a pair of twins at the Jamaica Dutch Reformed Church 29 May 1728,^[41] and his first cousin once removed, **Cornelius**⁵ **Wiltsie**, son of Martin⁴ (*Cornelius*³, *Marten*², *Hendrick*¹), baptized at the Fishkill Dutch Reformed Church 25 June 1736.^[42] In the text which follows, and purely for the sake of convenience, the older Cornelius (baptized 1728) is referred to as Cornelius I and the younger (baptized 1736) as Cornelius II.

Jerome Wiltsee was unable to discover much substantive information concerning either of these men. Not surprisingly, his skimpy accounts contain a

³² *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* [note 13], 229.

³³ Zabriskie, "Wiltsie Family" [note 1], *NYGBR* 107:13; Seversmith, *Colonial Families of Long Island* [note 12], 3:1188–89. Johannes and Teuntje were cousins as they were both descended from Teuntje Straitsman (see note 12).

³⁴ Stryker-Rodda, "Records of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica" [note 28], *NYGBR* 107 (1976):41.

³⁵ Worden, *First Reformed Church, Fishkill* [note 30], 55.

³⁶ Zabriskie, "Wiltsie Family" [note 1], *NYGBR* 107:13.

³⁷ Zabriskie, "Wiltsie Family" [note 1], *NYGBR* 107:81–87.

³⁸ Stryker-Rodda, "Records of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica" [note 28], *NYBGR* 106:139.

³⁹ J. Wiltsee, *Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee* [note 2], 101, 237.

⁴⁰ Zabriskie, "Wiltsie Family" [note 1], *NYGBR* 107:84.

⁴¹ Stryker-Rodda, "Records of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica" [note 28], *NYBGR* 106:206.

⁴² Worden, *First Reformed Church, Fishkill* [note 30], 58.

certain amount of confusion, and later writers have built upon this weak foundation. We begin, then, with what has been presented in published form with respect to Cornelius I and II, and proceed to examine the evidence which points to the identification of Cornelius I with Captain Cornelius of Pittstown.

Taking first the younger of the two men, Jerome Wiltsee reports little more than that Cornelius II “was Lieut. and later Capt. of a company of the 14th Reg. of militia from the Hoosacke Schaghticoke District of Albany Co. John Knickerbocker, colonel. With him were his brother [singular] Francis Wiltse, and Martin Wiltse.”^[43] It will be clear from internal evidence of the military record, however, that Jerome Wiltsee was mistaken in his statement, and that Captain Wiltse of the 14th Regiment, as will appear, was Captain Cornelius of Pittstown. That Jerome Wiltsee identified him with Cornelius II is but a further indication of Wiltsee’s general unsureness concerning this person.

Certain it is that the 1790 census has entries for “Cornelius Wiltse” at Amenia Town as well as “Cornelius Wiltsee” at Pitts Town.^[44] If, as seems likely, these two entries refer to Cornelius II and I, respectively, we have clear evidence that the two men should not be confused. Jerome Wiltsee states further that Cornelius II “was buried at Fort Edward, Washington County, New York,”^[45] a statement which would also discourage his identification with Captain Cornelius of Pittstown, although Jerome Wiltsee furnishes no date of death for Cornelius II, nor do we have any really firm knowledge of Captain Cornelius of Pittstown after 1800.

With respect to any wife (or wives), Jerome Wiltsee states simply without citing either a date or a source that Cornelius II married at Half Moon, Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County, a woman whose first name was Mary.^[46] It would

⁴³ J. Wiltsee, *Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee* [note 2], 111. The 1755 will of Cornelius³ Wiltse (see note 31) names Cornelius [i.e., Cornelius II] and Francis as children of deceased son Martin. At this period there was but a single Francis Wiltse who appears to have been associated with Hopewell, Dutchess County. His presence here in the Fourteenth Regiment is unexplained, and I have been unable to identify the Martin Wiltse of Jerome Wiltsee’s statement. Francis and Martin Wiltse, in any event, appear among the privates of Captain Cornelius Wiltse’s Company (*Documents Relating to the Colonial History of New York* [note 16], 15:518 [Volume 15 was reprinted as Berthold Fernow, *New York in the Revolution* (Cottonport, La.: Polyanthos, 1972)]).

⁴⁴ 1790 U.S. Census, Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, roll 6, p. 172; Pitts Town, Albany County, New York, roll 6, p. 353 (indexed on *Ancestry.com* as “Wiltser”). The only other Cornelius Wiltse who was a head of household in 1790 in New York was in Columbia County (1790 U.S. Census, Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York, roll 6, p. 230).

⁴⁵ J. Wiltsee, *Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee* [note 2], 111n, in which Jerome Wiltsee states that the grave site was thoroughly overgrown and could not be found in 1905. I have been informed by Charles B. Moore of the Historical Data Services, Glens Falls, New York, which has published a number of cemetery records for Washington County, that of the two earliest burying grounds at Fort Edward, in one “most of the stones are missing due to age and vandals. The second was on private property and for years had no maint., it was a jungle and when the town historian went to read it much of it was destroyed by time, vegetation etc.” (email communication to the author, 30 January 2007).

⁴⁶ None of the Wiltse family authors offers a source for this commonly repeated statement. One may at least ask the highly speculative question whether Jerome Wiltsee, in his Dutchess

appear that his principal authority was an earlier secondary source whose author, Crisfield Johnson, includes a brief notice of an early Washington County settler named James Snody who had been “married in Half-Moon to Hannah Willsey, a daughter of Cornelius and Mercy Willsey, of Amenia, Dutchess county.”^[47] Having called her “Mary” in reporting their apparently unrecorded marriage, Jerome Wiltsee shortly thereafter presents a brief notice of the “Children of Cornelius Wiltsee and Marey [*sic*] Willsey,” which he credits to the “Washington County History.”^[48]

The question is more complicated, however. If Cornelius II had married a woman named Mary at Half Moon, presumably about 1760 when he was in his mid twenties, then we must ask whether young children in the family around 1800 were his by a second, younger wife, or were his grandchildren. We have no knowledge whatsoever of older children of Cornelius II, unless it were possible to identify as an adult son one “William Wiltse” who appears with “Cornelious Wiltse” (signature), both of “Amenia Precinct,” in a deed of 29 March 1783 whereby they jointly conveyed a tract of land there with its “improvements,” described as “part of Lot Number three in the subdivision of Lot number thirty six in the great nine partners,” containing forty-three acres.^[49] No relationship is stated in the deed, although in 1790 they were living not far from one another (only five names intervene) and are the only two persons named Wiltse who appear at Amenia that census year. William is not found there in 1800, in which year Cornelius was the only Wiltse listed at Amenia.^[50] Jerome Wiltsee is of no help in the matter, for while at first he associates the deed of 1783 with Cornelius II of Amenia, at a later point in his Wiltsee family genealogy he cites the same deed and now identifies the co-grantors as Cornelius Wiltsey (1761–1828) and a brother named William, both being sons of Lawrence Wiltse, a first cousin once removed of Cornelius II.^[51]

If Cornelius had made a second marriage, was she the woman named as Mercy by Crisfield Johnson, the Washington County historian? What little information Jerome Wiltsee presents about Hannah, daughter of Cornelius II, was taken in its entirety from Johnson who, as his text would imply, was in contact during the 1870s with Hannah’s children. One of the older or oldest of these

County researches, had stumbled across some early reference to a Mary, wife of a Cornelius, and had assumed that the reference pertained to Cornelius II of Amenia. The question is worth raising only because, as will later appear, we have some reason to think that the second wife of Captain Cornelius Wiltsee of Pittstown, whom he married almost certainly in Dutchess County, may have been named Mary.

⁴⁷ Crisfield Johnson, *History of Washington Co., New York* (Philadelphia: Everts & Ensign, 1878), 284. According to Johnson, James Snody was son of William and Annis Snody, born at Saratoga, New York, 9 July 1786.

⁴⁸ J. Wiltsee, *Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee* [note 2], 111.

⁴⁹ Dutchess County Deeds, 9:50.

⁵⁰ 1800 U.S. Census, Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, roll 21, p. 140.

⁵¹ J. Wiltsee, *Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee* [note 2], 111, 267.

children was named Mercy, which may suggest the exact form of her grandmother's name.^[52]

The whole question of one or two wives becomes more interesting when we examine the successive census takings. "Cornelius Wiltse" can be found at Amenia Town with a young family both in 1790 and 1800.^[53] The context of neighbors in both years makes it virtually certain that the two entries ten years apart refer to the same individual. The family in 1790 included a total of nine persons. Aside from Cornelius II and presumed spouse, and providing that the balance were their children, we have one male over and three boys under sixteen, and three females. In 1800 the two oldest women in the family had both been born between 1756 and 1774. If one of these was a later wife of Cornelius II, she would have been at least some twenty years younger than her husband. Of the junior members of the household in 1800 there were a boy and a girl born 1784–1790, together with two boys and a girl born 1791–1799. This record would certainly suggest a family of children too young to have been born to a wife who was more or less the same age as Cornelius II, pointing to the possible conclusion that they were children of a presumptive second wife.

By 1810 Cornelius II no longer appears in Amenia. Rather, an entry can be found at Putnam in Washington County that year for a "Cornelius Wiltse" who had been born before 1765.^[54] Of the three young males we have just mentioned, there were now only two, one born between 1785 and 1794, and the other between 1795 and 1800. Identification with Cornelius II would seem certain since in 1810 he was living very close to his reported son-in-law, "James Snody" (only a single entry intervenes).^[55] Cornelius II does not appear as a head of household in the 1820 census of Putnam, but an explanation can be found in the census entries in close proximity to "James Snowdy" in 1820. Nearby were "John Wilsey" and "Daniel Wiltsey," who, one might assume, were sons of Cornelius II. Daniel, with two young children, would appear to be the older, born 1776–1794, while John, born 1795–1804, and presumed wife, were as yet without children.^[56] These age categories correspond to those of two of the young males we have cited as members of Cornelius II's family in 1810, and John continues to be found in the same location, close to James Snody, at Dresden (which had been set off from Putnam) in every ensuing census through 1850, in which year he was described as

⁵² Johnson, *History of Washington Co.* [note 47], 284.

⁵³ For the 1790 census, see note 44; for the 1800 census see note 50.

⁵⁴ 1810 U.S. Census, Putnam, Washington County, New York, roll 30, p. 389.

⁵⁵ 1810 U.S. Census, Putnam, roll 30, p. 389. In this and later censuses, the birth date of James Snody's wife, Hannah, can be calculated to be about 1790: she was aged 61 in 1850 and aged 68 in 1860 (1850 U.S. Census, Dresden, Washington County, New York, roll 610, p. 124; 1860 U.S. Census, Dresden, roll 874, p. 145). In spite of the census evidence, Crisfield Johnson reports that she died 20 September 1863, aged 82 years (Johnson, *History of Washington Co.* [note 47], 284).

⁵⁶ 1820 U.S. Census, Putnam, Washington County, New York, roll 76, p. 118.

farmer, born in New York, and age 52 (i.e., born about 1798).^[57] It is necessary only to acknowledge, as was occasionally the case in both early and later census records, that the oldest male in any given family was not invariably identified as head of household. Thus, in the entry for 1820 in John's name, we find an older man and woman born before 1775. It would not seem rash to suggest that the older man was Cornelius II, by now in his mid eighties, while John, the younger man, was considered head of the family.

Having thus dealt with the question of any children who may with good reason be attributed to Cornelius II of Dutchess County and Fort Edward, New York, we turn to those individuals claimed to have been his sons but surely were not. Here Jerome Wiltsee is certainly incorrect in his brief and somewhat confused list of children born to Cornelius II presumably in Amenia Precinct.^[58] As noted, he credits the "Washington County History" of Crisfield Johnson, published several years earlier in 1878, as his source. A comparison of Jerome Wiltsee's text in 1908 with entries in different parts of the Johnson work indicate at once the way in which Jerome Wiltsee has correctly incorporated material on the daughter, Hannah,^[59] but has misappropriated other elements of the earlier county historian's text.

For those children presented in 1908 as sons of Cornelius II, it is apparent that Jerome Wiltsee turned to a "Patrons' Record and Directory" of early inhabitants of the various towns in Washington County, which is positioned at the very end of Johnson's history.^[60] Jerome Wiltsee has arbitrarily assumed that several persons named Wiltsee (or its variants) living then at Kingsbury (just above Fort Edward) were children of Cornelius II (although it is not easy to see upon what grounds he made this assumption). Nevertheless, Jerome Wiltsee lifted without exception (and not always correctly) the entire body of information which he found in Johnson's "Directory" of early inhabitants.

Thus Jerome Wiltsee names as children of Cornelius II "Nehemiah Wiltsie" and a younger man, "Henry Wilsey," who married Elizabeth Pratt. He also implies that "Chester Wiltsie, b. 1810," was a son of Cornelius II, while Chester was actually a son of Nehemiah and consequently belongs in the next generation. Regrettably, Jerome Wiltsee's list of Cornelius II's children,^[61] including a non-existent William Wiltsie, and correct only, apparently, in its reference to the daughter Hannah (Wiltsie) Snody, was taken up wholly or in part by later researchers. Chief amongst these was Mariam Fares Wilsey,^[62] who compounded the error by incorrectly assigning to Cornelius II and his reported wife, Mary, still

⁵⁷ 1830 U.S. Census, Putnam, roll 111, p. 378; 1840 U.S. Census, Putnam, roll, 348, p. 123; 1850 U.S. Census, Putnam, roll 610, p. 124.

⁵⁸ J. Wiltsee, *Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee* [note 2], 111.

⁵⁹ See the historical essay on the town of Dresden in Johnson, *History of Washington Co.* [note 47], 284.

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, 502.

⁶¹ J. Wiltsee, *Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee* [note 2], 111.

⁶² "Wilsey Family" [note 6], *Dutch Settlers Society of Albany Yearbook* 42:30.

another son named Jacob, with no more proof than the fact that Henry who married Elizabeth Pratt is referred to as a brother of Jacob in the latter's diary.^[63]

Nehemiah, Henry, and Jacob Wilsey, who it is virtually certain were *not* sons of Cornelius II, will be examined in more detail when we come to a study in Part 2 of the children attributable on fairly strong grounds to Captain Cornelius Wiltsie of Pittstown.

From all of the foregoing, we find little to suggest that Cornelius II, originally of Amenia Town in Dutchess County, and later of Washington County, can be identified with Captain Cornelius Wiltsie of Pittstown. That would leave only Cornelius I, baptized at Jamaica in 1728. The earliest published source I have found which furnishes any substantive (and apparently correct) information concerning Cornelius I is a *Boston Evening Transcript* query of 1910, published under the initials L.W.S.A.:^[64]

Wanted, ancestry of Henry Lester, a doctor of Pittstown (near Albany) N. Y., married Sophia Weltse, May 31, 1773. She was the daughter of Cornelius Weltse and Hannah Filkins, born 1730, Washington, Dutchess County, N. Y., and daughter [of] Henry Filkins — one of 'Nine-Partner-Patent' owners.

Additional published information during the same period which identifies the 1728 "Cornelius Wiltsee" with the person of the same name who died at Pittstown, New York, can be found in Volume 139 of the *DAR Lineage Books*.^[65] The original application for membership of "Mrs. Elizabeth Vander Cook Dunning" gives considerably more detail.^[66] Aside from the cover page, all of the supporting genealogical information is in the unmistakable handwriting of her older brother, Wesley Vandercook, an amateur genealogist.

Wesley Vandercook, born 8 May 1843, and his sister, Elizabeth (Vandercook) Dunning, born 16 December 1849, were the children of Abram F. and Mary (Forsyth) Vandercook. Abram F., in turn, was a great-grandson of Captain Cornelius Wiltsie. Wesley's genealogical chart numbered 71 ("Completed April 6 – 1925") is given over entirely to the record of Cornelius Wiltsie and his first wife, Hannah Filkin, and includes a highly important narrative of how he [Wesley Vandercook] obtained family information:

After having been discharged from the union Army in 1865, I went from my home in Fremont Ohio to Troy N.Y. and entered R.P.I. School in Class of 68. during the three years there I visited many relatives in and about Troy. Among them was Peter

⁶³ Carol Willsey Bell, transcr., *The Honorable Jacob Willsey's Journal: 1831–1860*, (Youngstown, Ohio: privately printed, 1970), 62. The original manuscript was described as then belonging to Gaylord Mead Willsey of Binghamton, New York, a descendant of Jacob.

⁶⁴ *Boston Evening Transcript*, genealogical query #1711, issue of 28 December 1910.

⁶⁵ *Lineage Books, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution*, 166 vols. (Washington, D.C.: the society, 1896–1939), 139:227–28.

⁶⁶ Application of Elizabeth Vander Cook Dunning on Cornelius Wiltse (1728–1802, New York), National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Office of the Registrar General, Washington, D.C., 27 April 1925.

Vandercook, my Grand Father, Henry S.'s brother[,] and his wife Nancy Filkin who lived in Cahoes [*sic*]. One day while I was copying the record of their 14 children . . . Aunt Nancy brought me the old family Bible of her Great Grand parents, Henry Filkin Jr. and his wife Elizabeth Smith,^[67] which contained record of eleven children. All I copied at that time was of my own great mother [*sic*], Hannah Filkin born 1730, a hole in the leaf had destroyed the day and month. The next child, the 6th one was Henry, born March 5th 1732 and between the two in finer writing '1748 may ye 8th married Cornelius Wiltsee, son of Jo. (That was under Hannah's name . . . '

It is this single quotation from an early Bible record which establishes the identity of Hannah Filkin as wife of Cornelius Wiltsie, "son of Jo." (presumably Johannes). On Chart 71 Wesley Vandercook states that Cornelius Wiltsie was born 16 January 1728. Also on Chart 71 he states that Hannah died 2 August 1755,^[68] two years after the birth of their daughter, Sophia, whereupon a first cousin, "Abraham Filkins and his wife, Hannah took the baby, Sophia Wiltsee, adopted her and raised her."^[69] Thus, Wesley Vandercook, in providing additional information concerning Cornelius Wiltsie and his wife, Hannah, communicated to

⁶⁷ In organizing his research materials, much of which remain in private hands (see the acknowledgments on the first page of this article), Wesley Vandercook used the familiar device of charts — large, poster-like documents which provide a linear outline of successive generations, often with marginal commentary. He explained in his various charts devoted to Filkin/Vandercook relationships, that the brothers Peter and Henry S. Vandercook had married great-granddaughters of Henry Filkin, Jr.

⁶⁸ Wesley Vandercook, in providing the DAR with family information concerning Cornelius, has carelessly written the death date of Hannah (Filkin) Wiltsie as "Aug. 2, 1795," and later sources have repeated this error.

⁶⁹ Wesley Vandercook Research, Chart 71, and also Charts 12½, 14, and 27, which provide information concerning this Filkin[s] family. The progenitor was Colonel Henry Filkin of Flatbush, Kings County, New York, who had sons Henry, Jr., and Isaac (among others). Henry, Jr., was the father of Hannah, born 1730, as shown in the text, while Isaac was the father of Abraham. Thus Abraham Filkin and Hannah Filkin, wife of Captain Cornelius Wiltsie, were first cousins. In an "old Bible which Margery Lester [Wesley's grandmother] posed [*sic*]," and which Wesley Vandercook transcribed, Abraham Filkin entered the dates of birth of himself, his wife Hannah, and their only child. Hannah was born 16 March 1743, and was thus only twelve years old at Hannah (Filkin) Wiltsie's death in 1755. We do not have a marriage date for Abraham and Hannah, but it was presumably a year or so before 4 April 1764, when their only child was born. The "adoption" of their cousin's daughter, Sophia, could still have occurred, but presumably in the early 1760s when Sophia would have been about ten years old.

On Chart 71 Wesley Vandercook states: "Abraham Filkins father, Isaac Filkin b. 9 Feb. 1701, the 5th one of Henry Filkin Sr. children, his brother, Henry Jr. was the 3d one. There were seven brothers and Hannah, Abrahams wife was daughter of one of the other five." Instead, it is probable that Abraham's wife Hannah, born 16 March 1743, was identical with Annatje, baptized in May 1743, youngest child of Henry Filkin, Jr. (as given on Vandercook's Chart 12½). The names Hannah and Anna [*Annatje* in Dutch] were relatively interchangeable, and Annatje could have called herself "Hannah" after the death of her older sister in 1755. If this identification is correct, it would explain why Abraham and his wife "adopted" Sophia: Abraham's wife was Sophia's aunt. Note the account of the older children of Henry Filkin, Jr., in Henry B. Hoff, "Who Was Elizabeth (Smith) Filkin? A New York Case Study," *The American Genealogist* 75 (2000):272–75 at 274. That article omitted Hannah, born 1730, from the list of the older children as her baptism was not in *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* [note 13].

him presumably by the “many” relatives he consulted, established beyond any reasonable doubt that Hannah Filkin must be considered a first wife, and that later children of Captain Cornelius Wiltsie of Pittstown will have been the issue of a later wife (or wives), as will be discussed in Part 2 of this article.^[70]

We have assumed, therefore, that Cornelius Wiltsie born in 1728, son of Johannes, and Captain Cornelius Wiltsie of Pittstown were one and the same. As for the history of Captain Cornelius as a young adult Jerome Wiltsee has very little to say. He makes clear in his brief account that Cornelius I moved from Long Island to Dutchess County with his father’s family while still a child, and Jerome Wiltsee cites also a mid-eighteenth-century military record relating to “Capt. Cornelius Swartwout’s Muster Roll of troops enlisted in Dutchess County April 17, 1760,” a roll which included “Cornelius Wiltsie, aged 30, laborer, born in Long Island,”^[71] quite certainly Cornelius I, son of Johannes.

Wesley Vandercook states in his sister’s DAR application that Cornelius Wiltsie served in Capt. Thomas Storm’s company, Colonel Brinckerhoff’s Second Regiment of Dutchess County militia. If indeed the reference is to Captain Cornelius, subject of this study, the official “Roster of the State Troops” in its entry for “Corn’s Wiltse” lists him as sergeant in Storm’s Company Brinckerhoff’s Regiment,^[72] which period of service will have occurred while he was still resident in Dutchess County.

Jerome Wiltsee reports that Cornelius I “probably remained unmarried,” and “is believed to have been killed in the campaign against the French in Canada.” Not only is this statement unsupported, but its author lists elsewhere “all the Wiltsee’s reported as killed in that war,” a list which does not include Cornelius. In further contradiction, Jerome Wiltsee concludes his brief review of the latter’s military service with the statement that it “is not incredible that . . . Cornelius Wiltsee survived the war and settled on bounty land given . . . by the English

⁷⁰ In any evaluation of Wesley Vandercook’s unsupported statements, it must be remembered with respect to his years at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy in the late 1860s that his quest for genealogical information had led him to seek out older members of the family with Pittstown associations. In addition to contacts with his great-uncle and aunt, Peter and Nancy Vandercook, Wesley mentions another great-uncle, Simon Vandercook, and Simon’s sister, Hester, aged respectively 76 and 73 at the time of his visits. One assumes that these older relatives had more or less firm knowledge of past events in the family. Further, and unless additional records of Wesley Vandercook’s research can be located, we can only assume that knowledge of the date of birth of Cornelius Wiltsie, 16 January 1728, and his date of death, 11 April 1802, which occurred at Pittstown, as Wesley states (and as included in his sister’s DAR application; see note 66), had also been preserved in some form by his relatives, who in turn communicated the information to their young nephew.

⁷¹ J. Wiltsee, *Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee* [note 2], 269. He is shown as “Cornelus Willsie,” enlisted 6 April 1760, in *Third Report of the State Historian of the State of New York* (Albany, N.Y.: 1898), 565. [The *Second and Third Reports of the State Historian* were reprinted as *New York Colonial Muster Rolls*, 2 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000)].

⁷² *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of New York* [note 43], 15:518.

government.”^[73] Clearly, his knowledge of Cornelius I was severely limited, and subsequent writers have little or nothing to add.

The later adult history of Captain Cornelius of Pittstown, on the other hand, emerges clearly from contemporary or near-contemporary records, although we do not know the year of his move from Dutchess County to Rensselaer (then Albany) County. His presumed son, Jacob Willsey, recorded in his family Bible that he had been born at Pittstown 23 October 1774.^[74] “Cornelius Wilsey” was certainly there by 22 June 1778 when he was made captain of a company in Colonel John Knickerbocker’s Fourteenth Regiment which represented the “Hoosack and Schaghtecooke” districts of Albany County.^[75] Further details of service can be found in the Revolutionary War pension file of Jacob Cummings, who was born at Willington, Connecticut, in 1766, and had moved with his family to Pittstown.^[76] In a pension declaration of 5 September 1832, Jacob stated that “he entered the service of the United States at Pittstown . . . in the latter part of April 1780 . . . in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Cornelius Willsey.” He was marched to “Fort Edward, Fort Ann, & Skeensborough (now Whitehall).” In September 1781, the declaration continues, “he was again out under Capt Willsey . . . & marched from Pittstown to Fort Ann.”^[77]

The early town records of Scaghticoke District, from which Pittstown was set off in 1788, contain several references to civic offices held by “Cornelus Wiltsy.” He was appointed one of four assessors in 1783; one of eight assessors and also one of five fence viewers in 1784; and one of six assessors in 1785. He was named as one of two “Colectors” and one of three commissioners of highways in 1786, and appears 13 January 1786 in a list of “Marks & Brands” for livestock.^[78] Also in 1786, under “Records of Scaghticoke District Roads,” will be found on 6 September “Minutes of a Road laid out beginning at the End of Capt. Wiltsy[’s] lane that leads from the Hoosick Road to his house & Extending [on] said Road South by Jacob Mureys dweling house & from thence runing directly by Godfry Sweets to the little Hoosick Road.”^[79]

⁷³ J. Wiltsee, *Memoir of Philippe Maton Wiltsee* [note 2], 269, 284.

⁷⁴ “Jacob Willsey’s Bible Bought February 1823,” transcription, files of Tioga County Historical Society and Museum, Owego, New York. The typed transcription is headed “Records from the Bible, exactly as they appear.”

⁷⁵ *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of New York* [note 43], 15:272, citing “Changes in the Regiment” under that date. George Baker Anderson, *Landmarks of Rensselaer County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason, 1897), 469, says Cornelius Wiltsie settled at Pittstown between 1780 and 1785.

⁷⁶ Abbott Lowell Cummings, *Descendants of John Comins (ca.1668–1751) and His Wife, Mary, of Woburn and Oxford, Massachusetts, and Windham County, Connecticut* (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2001), 212–13.

⁷⁷ Revolutionary War pension records, Jacob Cummings, W3517.

⁷⁸ “Records of Scaghticoke District,” and from 1789 “Township of Pittstown,” identified as “Town Book,” Volume A, being the first volume of Pittstown Records, in the Office of the Pittstown Town Clerk, unnumbered pages one (1783), two (1784), three (1785), four-five (1786), six (1787), and for “Marks & Brands,” a later unnumbered page.

⁷⁹ *Ibid.*, unnumbered page (following town records for 1798).

The next year, in 1787, “Cornelus Wiltsy” was appointed one of six fence viewers,^[80] and as “Cornelius Wiltsee” he was listed at “Pitts Town” in the 1790 federal census. Among his near neighbors was Abraham Filkins,^[81] presumed to be that Abraham who was a cousin of Hannah (Filkin) Wiltsie, first wife of Captain Cornelius. The latter was named among several overseers of highways on 1 April 1800, but he does not appear in these Pittstown town records thereafter.^[82] He can, however, be found at Pittstown in the federal census for 1800 as aged over 45 years.^[83] This may be the last reference to Captain Cornelius Wiltsie at Pittstown,^[84] and he died there 11 April 1802, as stated by Wesley Vandercook (see above). No other evidence for this death date has been found, and Vandercook’s statement appears to have served as the source of modern repetitions.

(to be continued)

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⁸⁰ Ibid., unnumbered page.

⁸¹ 1790 U.S. Census, Pitts Town, Albany County, New York, roll 6, p. 353 (see note 44).

⁸² Volume B, “Records of Pitts Town” beginning in 1799, in the Office of the Pittstown Town Clerk, unnumbered page [the author reviewed the town records through 1825].

⁸³ 1800 U.S. Census, Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York, roll 26, p. 791. Not all of the letters of the first name are written legibly, but under magnification it is quite reasonably close to “Cornelius.”

⁸⁴ “Cornelius Wiltse” witnessed the will of John Agan of Pittstown, dated 21 April 1801 (William A. D. Eardeley, “Abstract of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787–1835,” database on *NewEnglandAncestors.org*, citing Rensselaer County Surrogate’s Records, vol. 1, pp. 294–97). The witness must have been Captain Cornelius Wiltsie or his son of the same name, who will be discussed in Part 2 of this article.

JONATHAN WOOD (1747–1820) OF LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND, AND DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

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The family of John¹ Wood of Newport and Portsmouth, Rhode Island, has been the subject of several books and articles. Not surprisingly, some descendants have not been fully identified. One of them is Jonathan⁵ Wood, born at Little Compton, Rhode Island, 29 November 1747. That he was alive in 1785 is clear from his father's will,^[1] but the will does not indicate where Jonathan was living. This article will show that Jonathan married, moved to Dutchess County, New York, and died in 1820, leaving seven surviving children.^[2]

JONATHAN⁵ WOOD was born at Little Compton, Rhode Island, 29 November 1747, son of John⁴ (*Thomas³, John²⁻¹*) and Sarah (Huddleston) Wood,^[3] who had married at Little Compton 7 February 1745.^[4] Sarah died there 10 December 1747,^[5] apparently of complications from childbirth. Jonathan⁵ was their only child, although John⁴ Wood had children from an earlier marriage with Mary Burgess.^[6]

Jonathan⁵ Wood married at Newport, Rhode Island, 4 June 1769, **LYDIA IRISH**,^[7] born at Little Compton 13 December 1747, daughter of Edward and Lois

¹ Will of John Wood of Little Compton, saddler, dated 12 December 1785, proved 7 April 1789 (Little Compton Town Council and Probate Records, 1746–1881 [FHL 0,946,827], 3:180; “Little Compton, Rhode Island, Wills, 1747–1875,” database on *NewEnglandAncestors.org*). In the will John Wood left his son Jonathan land at Dartmouth and fifty dollars. A review of the grantor index to Bristol County, Massachusetts, deeds did not reveal a deed by which Jonathan Wood sold the land he inherited.

² John Sumner Wood, *Wood Family Index, An Index of Wood Families in America* (Richmond, Va.: Garrett and Massie, 1966), 261 #56, shows the seven children in Jonathan Wood's 1820 will, but not his parentage. Dorothy Wood Ewers, *The Little Compton Woods: Fourth and Fifth Generations of Wood Descendants in Little Compton, Rhode Island* (Colorado Springs, Colo., 1978), 38–39, 55, shows Jonathan's birth and marriage, and that he was the father of one child: James C. Wood who married Avis Wilbour.

³ James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island 1636–1850*, 21 vols. (Providence, R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891–1912), 4 (Little Compton):198.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 4 (Little Compton), 74.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 4 (Little Compton), 198.

⁶ Ewers, *Little Compton Woods* [note 2], 38; Bertha W. Clark, *John Wood of Rhode Island, and His Early Descendants on the Mainland*. (n.p.: Dorothy Wood Ewers, 1966), 66; Benjamin Franklin Wilbour, *Little Compton Families*, 2 vols. (Little Compton, R.I.: Little Compton Historical Society, 1967), 2:783–84. For the births of John Wood's children, see Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island* [note 3], 4 (Little Compton):198.

⁷ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island* [note 3], 4 (Newport):79, from town records as Jonathan Wood, and 7:373, “Rev. Gardiner Thurston's [Baptist] Marriages,” where the groom is listed as “Jonah Wood.”

(Sanford) Irish.^[8] Fortunately, James C. Wood, the youngest son of Jonathan and Lydia, gave a complete account of the family in a family Bible record, as follows.^[9]

Jonathan Wood. son of John Wood, farmer & saddler^[10] of Little Compton, State of Rhode Island was born.

Lydia Irish. daughter of Edward Irish of Island^[11] of State of Rhode Island was born.

They had and raised 7 children in the following order

- 1 Sanford Wood was born about 1769
- 2 Sarah Wood was born " 1771
- 3 Edward Wood was born " 1773
- 4 John Wood was born " 1775
- 5 Jacob Wood was born " 1776
- 6 Elisha A Wood was born 1778
- 7 James C Wood was born May 9. 1780

Jonathan and Lydia probably moved to Dutchess County, New York, soon after their marriage. The 1850 census shows their oldest child Sanford as born in New York.^[12] The birth of none of the seven children appears in Arnold's *Vital Record of Rhode Island* [note 3], or in the published vital records for nearby towns in Bristol County, Massachusetts.^[13] Jonathan⁵ Wood is not listed in the 1774 census of Rhode Island or the 1782 census of Rhode Island.^[14]

⁸ Ibid., 4 (Little Compton), 132 (birth); 36 (parents' marriage); Willis Luther Irish and Stella Bertha (Putnam) Irish, *Descendants of John Irish the Immigrant, 1623–1963, and Allied Families*, (Freeport, Maine: Dingley Press, 1964), 23–24.

⁹ James C. Wood Family Bible (Philadelphia, Pa.: Kimber and Sharpless, 1827), original in the estate of Mrs. George F. Ryckman, photocopy in R. Stanton Avery Special Collections Dept., NEHGS. The records in this family Bible were transcribed by Mrs. Raymond Millbrook and published as "Family Records from the James C. Wood Bible," *Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine* 25 (1962):160–61.

¹⁰ The fact that that Jonathan Wood's father was called John Wood, saddler, helps to confirm Jonathan's identity. On 30 March 1752, Joseph Peckham, yeoman; John Wood, saddler; John Irish, son of David, yeoman; John Taylor, yeoman; and John Gifford, blacksmith, all of Little Compton, purchased the land on which the Quaker Meeting House stood in Little Compton. On 11 June 1762, John Wood, saddler, bought another quarter-acre in Little Compton (Little Compton Deeds, 1:174, 421).

¹¹ "Island" probably refers to Aquidneck Island.

¹² 1850 U.S., Bethany, Genesee County, New York, roll 507, p. 114. None of the other sons are known to have lived as late as 1850. Notes by Elisha Wood's grandson say he was born in New York (see note 28. Jonathan⁵ Wood may have been the Jonathan Wood who served as an enlisted man in the "Sixth Regiment of the Dutchess County Militia (Land Bounty Grants)" (James A. Roberts, *New York in the Revolution as Colony and State*, 2nd ed. [Albany, N.Y.: Brandow Printing Co., 1898; repr. Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996], p. 251 of errata sheets.

¹³ "Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850," database on *NewEnglandAncestors.org*.

¹⁴ John R. Bartlett, *Census of the Inhabitants of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, 1774* (Providence R.I.: Knowles, Anthony & Co., 1858; repr. Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1969); Katherine U. Waterman, "The Rhode Island Census of 1782," *Register* 127 [1973]:3–

In 1790 Jonathan Wood was head of a household in Washington, Dutchess County, with two males 16 and over, three males under 16, and two females.^[15] In 1800 he was head of a household there with two males 16–26, one male 45 and over, one female 0–10, and two females 16–26.^[16] The absence of a female 45 and over in this and subsequent censuses suggests that Lydia (Irish) Wood had died by 1800. In 1810 “Jon Wood” was head of a household in Washington, Dutchess County, with one male 10–16, one male 45 and over, and one female 16–26.^[17] And in 1820, the year of his death, Jonathan Wood was head of a household there with one male 45 and over, one female 0–10, and one female 45 and over.^[18]

Jonathan⁵ Wood died in Dutchess County in 1820. His will, dated at Washington 18 April 1820, proved 10 October 1820,^[19] lists all seven children mentioned in the family Bible record cited above.

I give an[d] bequeath to my sons Sanford Wood, Edward Wood, Jacob Wood & James Wood each one dollar to be paid out of my estate, Also to my son Elisha Wood I give and bequeath to him all my wearing apparel and my Oil Stone also to my Grand-Children, they being children of my son John Wood, deceased Viz - Godfrey Wood, Samuel Wood, Mathilda Wood, Cleantheus Wood, Calvin Wood and Loisa Wood one dollar to each and every of them, all which said several legacies or sums of money I will and order shall be paid to the said respective legates within one year after my demise - and lastly as to all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate goods and chattel and be they of what kind and nature soever and give and bequeath the same to my Daughter Sarah Wood . . . And I her[e]by appoint Sarah Wood Executrix, Joshua Hart and Vaniah Woolley Executors of this my last will and testament.

Children of Jonathan and Lydia (Irish) Wood, born probably in New York:

- i. SANFORD⁶ WOOD, b. ca. 1769. Based on the federal census, he evidently married and had children. In 1800 he was head of a household in Milton, Saratoga Co., N.Y.^[20] In 1820 he was head of a household in Halfmoon, Saratoga Co.^[21] In 1830 he was head of a household in Bethany, Genesee Co., N.Y.^[22] In 1850 Sanford Wood, age 80, b. N.Y., was living in the poorhouse at Bethany.^[23]

17 et seq. Note that a new transcription of the 1774 census was published in *Rhode Island Roots* between December 2003 and December 2009.

¹⁵ 1790 U.S. Census, Washington, Dutchess County, New York, roll 6, p. 173.

¹⁶ 1800 U.S. Census, Washington, roll 21, p. 98.

¹⁷ 1810 U.S. Census, Washington, roll 30, p. 236.

¹⁸ 1820 U.S. Census, Washington, roll 71, p. 140.

¹⁹ Dutchess County Wills, F:101, original in box 8071. See also William A. D. Eardeley, “Abstract of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787–1835,” database on *NewEnglandAncestors.org*.

²⁰ 1800 U.S. Census, Milton, Saratoga County, New York, roll 27, p. 1065.

²¹ 1820 U.S. Census, Halfmoon, Saratoga County, New York, roll 79, p. 245. Sanford Wood has not been found in the index to the 1810 census on *Ancestry.com*.

²² 1830 U.S. Census, Bethany, Genesee County, New York, roll 90, p. 352.

²³ 1850 U.S. Census, Bethany, roll 507, p. 114. The 1855 New York State census for Genesee County has not survived.

- ii. SARAH WOOD, b. ca. 1771; d. after 20 April 1820, the date of her father's will, presumably unmarried.
- iii. EDWARD WOOD, b. ca. 1773; d. after 20 April 1820, the date of his father's will.
- iv. JOHN WOOD, b. ca. 1775; d. before 20 April 1820, the date of his father's will, which named John's six children.
- v. JACOB WOOD, b. 1776; d. 12 July 1842, bur. Kent Cemetery, Carlton, Orleans Co., N.Y.;^[24] m. ELIZABETH GRIFFIN, b. 13 Nov. 1778, d. 27 Oct. 1868, bur. Kent Cemetery.^[25] Jacob Wood was living at Carlton by 1830 when he was head of a household there.^[26]
- vi. ELISHA A. WOOD, b. 17 Jan. 1778; d. Warren Co., Ind., 13 March 1839 age 61,^[27] bur. West Lebanon Cemetery, Warren Co.;^[28] m. (1) _____; (2) by 1820 SARAH _____, b. N.Y. 23 Nov. 1795, d. Warren Co. 17 Feb. 1872 age 76.^[29] Sarah m. (2) Jesse Swisher.^[30] Elisha moved from New York to Clermont Co., Ohio, in 1819^[31] and to Warren Co. in 1834.^[32]
- vii. JAMES C. WOOD, b. 9 May 1780; d. 16 June 1845, age 64 years, 1 month, 8 days; m. 3 June 1813 AVIS WILBUR, b. 18 Dec. 1792, d. Webster, Scioto Co., Ohio, 7 Oct. 1864,^[33] daughter of Ichabod and Susanna (Cooley) Wilbur.^[34] By 1840 James Wood and his family were in Fayette, Lawrence Co., Ohio.^[35]

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²⁴ Sharon A. Kerridge, "Kent Cemetery" (rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyorlean/cemkent.htm).

²⁵ Ibid.

²⁶ 1830 U.S. Census, Carlton, Orleans County, New York, roll 115, p. 105.

²⁷ William F. Wood Family Bible (New York, N.Y., Robert Sears, 1847), with family notes by his son, Rev. Deloss M. Wood (1849–1910), original in the latter's estate, photocopy in R. Stanton Avery Special Collections Dept., NEHGS, with family notes by Deloss M. Wood, which say [his father] William F. Wood was born in Ohio 19 June 1820, and [his grandfather] Elisha Wood was born at Utica, New York, 17 January 1778. Utica is a very unlikely birth place for Elisha Wood, but he was born probably in New York State. See also Wood, *Wood Family Index* [note 2], 133 #30.

²⁸ Rosella Jenkins, *Inscriptions from Western Warren County, Indiana, Cemeteries* (Pine Village, Ind.: the author, 1986), 95.

²⁹ Family notes by Deloss M. Wood in the William F. Wood Family Bible [note 27].

³⁰ Ibid. See also Wood, *Wood Family Index* [note 2], 133 #30.

³¹ Family notes by Deloss M. Wood in the William F. Wood Family Bible [note 27]; 1820 U.S. Census, Franklin, Clermont County, Ohio, roll 89, p. 30.

³² Family notes by Deloss M. Wood in the William F. Wood Family Bible [note 27].

³³ James C. Wood Family Bible [note 9].

³⁴ James C. Wood Family Bible [note 9].

³⁵ 1840 U.S. Census, Fayette, Lawrence County, Ohio, roll 407, p. 5. Ewers, *Little Compton Woods* [note 2], 55, says James C. Wood and wife lived at Burlington, Iowa, at some point.

THE TUDOR FAMILY OF BARBADOS, BOSTON, NEW YORK CITY, NEWPORT, AND BERMUDA

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In late 1674 John Tudor arrived in New York City. During the next thirty-four years, he was to make a name for himself as a lawyer and office holder.^[1] As with other English families there, identifying his family has been severely hampered by the lack of surviving Anglican church records. However, the records that do survive, when studied with records from Barbados, Boston, Newport, and Bermuda, provide the basis for a fairly complete picture of the family.^[2]

1. JOHN¹ TUDOR was first mentioned in Boston records when, as “John Tuder, aged about 22 years or thereabouts,” he deposed on 13 September 1671 about passengers from Barbados.^[3] This would place his birth about 1649. Supposedly he was on Barbados before coming to Boston, and a John Tudor/ Tuder witnessed wills on Barbados 4 February 1670 [1?] and 31 December 1670.^[4]

On 13 March 1672/3, John Tudor was convicted of fornication with Elizabeth Holland, having confessed to being the father of her illegitimate child, evidently already born. He was ordered to be whipped, pay court fees, and leave Boston.^[5] He married [first], probably in 1673, **ELIZABETH HOLLAND**, born in Boston 26 February 1654/5, daughter of Christopher and Ann (____) Holland.^[6] Elizabeth died, probably in New York City, by 1697 when her husband remarried.

¹ There is a biographical account of John Tudor in Paul M. Hamlin and Charles E. Baker, *Supreme Court of Judicature of the Province of New York, 1691–1704*, 3 vols., Collections of The New-York Historical Society, vols. 78–80 (New York, 1952–59), 3:184–91.

² John¹ Tudor is not known to have been related to the later Tudor family of Boston, who arrived there about 1715 (John Tudor, *Deacon Tudor's Diary* . . . [Boston: W. Spooner, 1896], Appendix XX). John¹ Tudor may have been a brother of Captain Richard Tuder, merchant, of St. Michael's Parish, Barbados, who left a will dated 9 April 1697, proved 12 October 1697, mentioning sister Sarah Tuder in St. Tooley Street in Southwark near London; wife Mary Tuder; and son Abell Tuder (Joanne McRee Sanders, *Barbados Records: Wills and Administrations [1639–1725]*, 3 vols. (Houston, Tex.: Sanders Historical Publications, 1979–81], 2:351–52). The testator may have been identical with Capt. Richard Tudor, who died 25 July 1697 age 50, and was buried in the Common Burial Ground in Newport, Rhode Island (Alden G. Beaman, *Rhode Island Vital Records, New Series: Volume 11, Births, 1590–1930, from Newport Common Burial Ground Inscriptions* [East Princeton, Mass.: the compiler, 1985], 409).

³ *Suffolk Deeds*, 14 vols. (Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 1880–1906), 7:226.

⁴ Sanders, *Barbados Wills* [note 2], 1:48, 87. An older John Tudor/Tuder is mentioned at 1:49 (land in 1656) and 1:57 (in Surinam in 1663).

⁵ He had already been ordered to leave Boston (*Records of the Suffolk County Court, 1671–1680*, 2 vols. [Boston: Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1933], 1:26, 93, 121).

⁶ [Ninth] *Report of the Record Commissioners Containing Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1630–1699* (Boston: Rockwell & Churchill, 1883), 46. The will of

On 28 April 1674, John Tudor was again ordered to leave Boston, and evidently did so, since he was in New York City by 13 November 1674 when he was mentioned in a court action.^[7] Since he had a son born in Boston 11 November 1674, it would appear his wife and children came to New York later.

John Tudor married second, by New York license dated 9 September 1697,^[8] **MARY (____) BRETT**, widow of Robert Brett.^[9]

John Tudor died between 2 and 8 November 1708, probably in New York City,^[10] leaving no probate. His widow died by 8 June 1743 when administration on her estate was granted to Richard Nicholls, principal creditor.^[11]

Children of John¹ and Elizabeth (Holland) Tudor, first two children born in Boston,^[12] the rest probably in New York City:

2. i. JOHN² TUDOR, b. 12 Feb. 1673 [1672/3]; m. EFFIE VAN HORNE.
3. ii. THOMAS TUDOR, b. 11 Nov. 1674; m. ELIZABETH MITCHELL.
- iii. ELIZABETH TUDOR, b. ca. 1679 (from age at death); d. 4 Feb. 1768 age 89, bur. Trinity Churchyard, New York City;^[13] m. by New York license dated 8 July 1695, GILES STOLLARD.^[14] They had an unmarried daughter, Elizabeth Stollard, whose informative will, dated 30 Jan. 1775, proved 29 July 1785,^[15] mentioned uncle Michael Lourier of New York City, cooper, and his children Edward and Mary; aunt Sarah Otis, widow of James Otis, "who (if now alive) resides in the Colony of Connecticut"; aunt Theodosia Gale, now living at Poughkeepsie, New York; kinsman Hon. John Tuder, Esq.; cousin Jane, daughter of Rev. Samuel Auchmuty; wife of William Bull and her daughter-in-law, Lucy Bull, "on account of the tenderness and attention they have shown me during my residence with them"; cousin Mary Auchmuty; cousin Jane Harison, widow of the late George Harison, Esq. The executor was to be Rev. Samuel Auchmuty, D.D., Rector of Trinity Church.

Christopher Holland, dated 3 February 1700/1, proved 29 March 1705 (Suffolk County Probate, 15:405), mentioned son-in-law John Tudor of New York.

⁷ Hamlin and Baker, *Supreme Court of Judicature* [note 1], 3:186.

⁸ *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968), 583.

⁹ Peter Wilson Coldham, *American Wills and Administrations, 1610–1857* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1989), 39.

¹⁰ Hamlin and Baker, *Supreme Court of Judicature* [note 1], 3:186, 190. But see Edmund B. O'Callaghan, *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secetary of State, Albany, N.Y.: Part II, English Manuscripts, 1664–1776* (Albany, N.Y.: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1866; repr. Ridgewood, N.J.: Gregg Press, 1968), 356, which says Mary, widow of John Tuder, petitioned for her husband's salary on 26 March 1708.

¹¹ *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*, 17 vols., Collections of The New-York Historical Society, vols. 25–41 (New York, 1893–1909), 3:406.

¹² *Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1630–1699* [note 6], 129, 134. John is shown as child of "John & Elizabeth Tuder," probably a later modification since the parents were not married when the child was born.

¹³ "Records of Trinity Church and Parish, New York City," typescript, 9 vols., NYG&BS Collection at the New York Public Library, 6 (Lists of Vaults and Tombstones):69.

¹⁴ *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* [note 8], 581.

¹⁵ New York County Wills, 38:111; *Abstracts of Wills* [note 11], 13:182–83.

- iv. FRANCES TUDOR, b. ca. 1681 (from age at death); d. Bermuda 14 Feb. 1772 age 91, bur. St. Anne's Church, Port Royal, Southampton Parish, Bermuda, with her second husband.^[16] She m. (1) by New York license dated 27 Nov. 1696, JOHN RIGHTON.^[17] He was made a freeman of New York City 18 Aug. 1696.^[18] He may have been related to the Righton family of Bermuda,^[19] since Frances m. (2) on Bermuda in 1707 HENRY TUCKER, b. there 13 Feb. 1683, d. 14 Dec. 1734, son of St. George and Jane (Hubbard) Tucker.^[20] Among their children were *Henry Tucker*, whose son, St. George Tucker, founded the Tucker family of Virginia,^[21] and *Thomas Tucker* who m. his cousin Mary Nicholls (see below).

Children of John and Mary (____) (Brett) Tudor, order uncertain, all born probably in New York City:

- v. MARGARET TUDOR, b. ca. 1700 (from age at death), d. New York City 20 July 1772 in her 73rd year, bur. Trinity Churchyard there, m. Trinity Church 7 Oct. 1720 RICHARD NICHOLLS, lawyer, d. New York City 19 Aug. 1775, bur. Trinity Churchyard, son of William and Jane (____) Nicholls of Guildsford, Montgomeryshire, Wales.^[22] Among their children were *Mary Nicholls* who m. (1) her cousin Thomas Tucker (see above), and (2) Rev. Samuel Auchmuty, and *Jane Nicholls* who m. George Harison.^[23]

¹⁶ Robert Dennard Tucker, *The Descendants of William Tucker of Throwleigh, Devon* (Spartanburg, S.C.: Reprint Company, 1991), 177; Thomas Addis Emmet, *An Account of the Tucker Family of Bermuda from a History of the Emmet Family* (New York: Bradstreet Press, 1898), chart facing p. 3.

¹⁷ *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* [note 8], 583.

¹⁸ *The Burghers of New Amsterdam and the Freemen of New York, 1675–1866*, Collections of The New-York Historical Society, vol. 18 (New York, 1886), 59. Later records show John Righton was a hatter (Simon Middleton, *From Privileges to Rights: Work and Politics in Colonial New York City* [Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006], 110–11, 127).

¹⁹ Julia E. Mercer, *Bermuda Settlers of the 17th Century: Genealogical Notes from Bermuda* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982), 161–63; C.F.E. Hollis Hallett, *Early Bermuda Wills, 1629–1835* (Bermuda: Juniperhill Press, 1993), 481–83.

²⁰ Tucker, *Descendants of William Tucker* [note 16], 167, 177, 383; Emmet, *Tucker Family* [note 16], chart facing p. 3; Mercer, *Bermuda Settlers* [note 20], 224, 225.

²¹ Tucker, *Descendants of William Tucker* [note 16], 177–78, 181, 191–96, 253–78; Phillip Hamilton, *The Making and Unmaking of a Revolutionary Family: The Tuckers of Virginia, 1752–1830* (Charlottesville, Va.: University of Virginia Press, 2003), xii.

²² Francis J. Sypher, Jr., ed., *Minutes of Coroners Proceedings, City and County of New York, John Burnet, Coroner, 1748–1758*, Collections of The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, vol. 16 (New York, 2004), XLIII–IV; Whitfield J. Bell, *The Patriot-Improvers: Biographical Sketches of Members of the American Philosophical Society*, 2 vols. (Philadelphia: the Society, 1997), 1:107–09. A 1749 portrait of Margaret (Tudor) Nicholls by John Wollaston is in the The Bayou Bend Collection of The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (letter of 22 April 1996 from Frank Futral, Curatorial Assistant, American Paintings and Sculpture, to the author).

²³ Sypher, *Coroners Proceedings* [note 22], XLIII–IV; Bell, *Members of the American Philosophical Society* [note 22], 1:109; Peter Wilson Coldham, “Genealogical Gleanings in England,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 67 (1979):210–18 at 217–18.

- vi. SARAH TUDOR, b. ca. 1701 (from age at death); d. Colchester, Conn., 15 Feb. 1788 age 87, bur. Old Cemetery there;^[24] m. Montville, Conn., June 1728, JAMES OTIS,^[25] b. Scituate, Mass., 21 Jan. 1692/3, son of Joseph and Dorothy (Thomas) Otis.^[26] He d. 6 Sept. 1754 age 63, probably in Saybrook, Conn., bur. Old Town House Hill Cemetery there [now in Chester, Conn.].^[27]
- vii. CATHERINE TUDOR, b. 25 Feb. [year unknown]; d. perhaps Rombout, N.Y., 1746; m. ca. 1722 CORNELIUS BOGARDUS, bp. Kingston [N.Y.] Dutch Reformed Church 8 Jan. 1699, d. 27 Nov. 1759, son of Cornelius and Rachel (DeWitt) Bogardus.^[28]
- viii. MARY TUDOR, b. say 1704; m. after 26 Oct. 1726, MICHAEL LAURIER,^[29] probably son of Christian and Maria (Bant) Laurier.^[30] She d. Oct. 1774, probably in New York City.^[31]
- ix. THEODOSIA TUDOR, b. say 1706; d. after 30 Jan. 1775 (date of her niece Elizabeth Stollard's will), m. Fishkill [N.Y.] Dutch Reformed Church 18 Feb. 1732/3 JOSEPH GALE, widower, b. Long Island, residing Ulster Co. [N.Y.].^[32] She was granted administration on his estate 30 April 1772.^[33]

²⁴ Charles R. Hale, "Charles R. Hale Collection [of Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices of Marriages and Deaths]," (1933–34), at the Connecticut State Library; Colchester, 14; Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, from Colchester Vital Records, 2:45 (no age at death given).

²⁵ Frederic W. Bailey, ed., *Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*, 7 parts (New Haven, Conn.: Bureau of American Ancestry for Family Researches, 1896–1906; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976), 1:70.

²⁶ *Vital Records of Scituate, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1909), 1:281 (birth); 2:225 (parents' marriage); William A. Otis, *A Genealogical and Historical Memoir of the Otis Family in America* (Chicago: the author, 1924), 85–86.

²⁷ Hale Collection [note 24], Chester, 31. His place of death is shown as Saybrook in Otis, *Otis Family* [note 26], 86, and elsewhere, though no record of his death is in Elizebeth Bull Plimpton, ed., *The Vital Records of Saybrook Colony, 1635–1860, Including the Towns of Chester, Deep River . . .* (Old Saybrook, Conn.: Connecticut Valley Shore Research Group, 1985). However, the death records for the First Church of Saybrook have not survived for 1752–1772.

²⁸ "Bogardus–Van Tine Bible Records," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 84 (1953):232–34.

²⁹ On that date they witnessed a baptism, but Mary was not called Michael's wife (*Baptisms from 1639 to 1730 in the Reformed Dutch Church, in New Amsterdam and New York*, Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, vol. 2 [New York, 1901], 470).

³⁰ William J. Hoffman, "Settlers from the Netherlands in American before 1700," typescript, NYG&BS Collection at the New York Public Library, 127; *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* [note 8], 585.

³¹ E. Jennifer Monaghan, *Learning to Read and Write in Colonial America* (Amherst, Mass.: University of Massachusetts Press, 2005), 263.

³² Jean D. Worden, *First Reformed Church, Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York* (Franklin, Ohio: the compiler, 1981), 1. Despite the informative marriage record, the identity of Joseph Gale is not clear. He evidently was the Joseph Gale who was a freeholder of the Highlands Precinct of Ulster County in 1728 (Edmund Bailey O'Callaghan, *List of Inhabitants of Colonial New York, Excerpted from The Documentary History of the State of New-York* [Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1979], 225), but he does not fit into the Gale family of Jamaica, Long Island (John Insley Coddington, "Abel Gale of Jamaica, Long Island, and Some of His Descendants," *The American Genealogist* 28 [1952]:13–23). A Joseph Gaile married at Southold, Long Island, 6 May 1729, Martha Alison (*Long Island Source Records from The New York Genealogical and*

2. JOHN² TUDOR (*John*¹) was born in Boston 12 February 1673 [1672/3]. He married at the New York Dutch Reformed Church 24 June 1695 (by New York license dated 20 April 1695), **EFFIE VAN HORNE**,^[34] baptized there 31 October 1673 (as Aefje), daughter of Cornelis Jansen Van Horne and his wife, Anna Maria Jans.^[35] John Tudor, Jr., was made a freeman of New York City 10 May 1695.^[36]

John Tudor died between October 1702 and the end of 1703,^[37] leaving a will dated 28 September 1697, proved 20 June 1709,^[38] mentioning only wife Effie. Effie (Van Horne) Tudor married second, by New York license dated 19 July 1705, John Theobalds, Sr.^[39] She died after 3 March 1725, when she was a baptismal witness at the New York Dutch Reformed Church.^[40]

Children of John² and Effie (Van Horne) Tudor, both baptized at the New York Dutch Reformed Church:^[41]

- i. ANNA MARIA³ TUDOR, bp. 10 April 1698, probably d. young.
4. ii. JOHN TUDOR, bp. 6 Oct. 1700; m. ELIZABETH TUCKER.

3. THOMAS² TUDOR (*John*¹) was born in Boston 11 November 1674. He died on Barbados 11 June 1726 and was buried in St. Michael's [Anglican] Cathedral Cemetery there.^[42] He married in St. Michael's Parish, Barbados, 8 December 1695, **ELIZABETH MITCHELL**.^[43] He was made a freeman of New York City 25 May 1708 as Thomas Tudor, mariner.^[44] On 24 May 1710, Captain Thomas Tudor, mariner, of the City of New York, bought property in Boston, which Thomas Tudor of Rhode Island, mariner, and wife Elizabeth, sold 31 August

Biographical Record [Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987], 260), but nothing further about this man has been found.

³³ Kenneth Scott, *Genealogical Data from Administration Papers from the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany* (New York: National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of New York, 1972), 121.

³⁴ *Marriages from 1639 to 1801 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam – New York City*, Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, vol. 9 (New York, 1940):79; *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* [note 8], 581.

³⁵ *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* [note 29], 112; George Olin Zabriskie, "The Jan Cornelisen Van Hoorn/Van Horne Family of New York and New Jersey," *The American Genealogist* 46 (1970):47–57, 110–16 at 116, 170–77, 235–43; 47 (1971):50–55.

³⁶ *Burghers and Freeman* [note 18], 57.

³⁷ Zabriskie, "Van Horne Family" [note 35], *The American Genealogist* 46:116.

³⁸ *Abstracts of Wills* [note 11], 2:26–27. The original will liber has not survived; the original will itself has not been consulted.

³⁹ *New York Marriages Previous to 1784* [note 8], 592.

⁴⁰ *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730* [note 29], 456.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, 250, 270.

⁴² Vere Langford Oliver, *The Monumental Inscriptions in the Churches and Churchyards of the Island of Barbados, British West Indies* (London: Hughes & Clarke, 1915), 44.

⁴³ Joanne McRee Sanders, *Barbados Records: Marriages, 1643–1800*, 2 vols. (Houston, Tex.: Sanders Historical Publications, 1982), 1:88.

⁴⁴ *Burghers and Freeman* [note 18], 88. Captain Thomas Tudor was mentioned in various newspapers of American port cities.

1711.^[45] On 4 May 1714, Thomas Tudor was admitted a freeman of Rhode Island from Newport,^[46] but was back on Barbados by 28 March 1721.^[47]

Thomas Tudor left a will on Barbados dated January 1724/5, proved 16 June 1726,^[48] mentioning son John Tuder; daughters Elizabeth Smith, Henrietta Tuder, Mary Tuder, and youngest daughter Ann Tuder (under 18); wife Eliz. Tuder (who was to be executrix). His widow left a will dated 20 November 1737, proved 12 July 1738,^[49] mentioning only “my two daughters Mary Tuder & Ann Tuder” who were to be executrices.

Children of Thomas² and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Tudor:

5. i. JOHN³ TUDOR, b. 17 Aug. 1696, bp. St. Michael’s Parish 18 Aug. 1696;^[50] m. (1) SARAH LEWIS; (2) SUSANNAH (OSTREHAN?); probably (3) MARY ____.
- ii. ELIZABETH TUDOR, b. say 1697; d. after Jan. 1724/5 when she was mentioned as daughter Elizabeth Smith in her father’s will; m. St. Michael’s Parish 29 Dec. 1722 JOSEPH SMITH.^[51]
- iii. HENRIETTA TUDOR, b. say 1699; m. by 26 April 1730 (baptism of her only known child) JOHN WHITE.^[52]
- iv. FRANCES TUDOR, bp. St. Michael’s Parish 3 Nov. 1703;^[53] d. before Jan. 1724/5 when she was not mentioned in her father’s will.
- v. THOMAS TUDOR, b. 3 July 1706, bp. St. Michael’s Parish 1 Nov. 1706;^[54] d. before Jan. 1724/5 when he was not mentioned in his father’s will.
- vi. MARY TUDOR, bp. Trinity Church, Newport, 1 Sept. 1710 (parents’ names not given);^[55] d. after 20 Nov. 1737 when she was mentioned in her mother’s will.
- vii. ANN TUDOR, bp. Trinity Church, Newport, 6 April 1715 (parents’ names not given);^[56] d. after 20 Nov. 1737 when she was mentioned in her mother’s will.

⁴⁵ Suffolk County, Massachusetts, Deeds, 26:22, 49.

⁴⁶ John Russell Bartlett, *Records of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England*, 10 vols. (Providence, R.I.: A. C. Greene and Brothers, 1856–65), 4:168.

⁴⁷ “Records of the Vestry of St. Michael,” *The Journal of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society* 14:3 (May 1947):123–38 et seq., including 19:3 (May 1952):134–44, at 142. A Captain Thomas Tudor donated a silver chalice to the Old North Church in Boston in 1724 (Patricia E. Kane, *Colonial Massachusetts Silversmiths and Jewelers: A Biographical Dictionary* [New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Art Gallery, 1998], 420), but it is unclear whether the donor was Thomas² Tudor.

⁴⁸ Recopied wills record book, ref RB6/2/261, Barbados Department of Archives. The wills of Thomas Tudor and his widow (see next note) are courtesy of Geraldine Lane, author of *Tracing Your Ancestors in Barbados* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2006).

⁴⁹ Recopied wills record book, ref RB6/27/453, Barbados Department of Archives.

⁵⁰ Joanne McRee Sanders, *Barbados Records: Baptisms, 1637–1800* (Houston, Tex.: Sanders Historical Publications, 1984), 36.

⁵¹ Sanders, *Barbados Marriages* [note 43], 1:134.

⁵² Sanders, *Barbados Baptisms* [note 50], 92.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, 45.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, 48.

⁵⁵ James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island 1636–1850*, 21 vols. (Providence, R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1891–1912), 10 (Newport):530.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*

4. JOHN³ TUDOR (*John²⁻¹*) was baptized at the New York Dutch Reformed Church 6 Oct. 1700. He died on Bermuda by 27 July 1741, when his daughter Effie's guardian was William Mitchell.^[57] He married [on Bermuda] say 1722 **ELIZABETH TUCKER**, born there 2 August 1694, daughter of St. George and Jane (Hubbard) Tucker, and younger sister of Henry Tucker who married Frances² Tudor (see above).^[58] Elizabeth died by 2 August 1748.^[59]

Children of John³ and Elizabeth (Tucker) Tudor, order uncertain:

- i. JOHN⁴ TUDOR, b. Bermuda say 1723; d. 22 Oct. 1802;^[60] m. by 11 Nov. 1748 a wife whose name is unknown; they had a son John who evidently d. young.^[61] John⁴ Tudor was a member of the Bermuda's Governor's Council from 1771 on.^[62] He made two unsuccessful attempts to claim family property in New York City as heir at law.^[63] His claim to be heir at law would indicate he was the oldest son of the oldest son of the oldest son of John¹ Tudor. John⁴ Tudor left a lengthy will on Bermuda, dated 7 July 1802, proved 29 Nov. 1802,^[64] mentioning nieces Mariam Smith and Isabella Pegot (sisters), deceased aunt Mary Mitchell, and a long list of legatees, several described as "kin."
- ii. EFFIE TUDOR, b. Bermuda say 1725; d. after 27 July 1771;^[65] m. Bermuda 29 July 1744 THOMAS SMITH,^[66] d. after 27 July 1771.

5. JOHN³ TUDOR (*Thomas², John¹*) was born on Barbados 17 August 1696 and baptized in St. Michael's Parish there 18 August 1696. He married first in St. Michael's Parish 18 August 1720, **SARAH LEWIS**.^[67] He married second [on Barbados] about 1722 **SUSANNAH (OSTREHAN?)**,^[68] born about 1694, baptized in St. Michael's Parish 24 May 1726, aged about 32 years.^[69] She was buried there 10 July 1726.^[70]

⁵⁷ Hallett, *Early Bermuda Wills* [note 19], 615.

⁵⁸ Tucker, *Descendants of William Tucker* [note 16], 177, 183–84; Mercer, *Bermuda Settlers* [note 20], 225–26.

⁵⁹ Hallett, *Early Bermuda Wills* [note 19], 614.

⁶⁰ C.F.E. Hollis Hallett, *Bermuda Index, 1784–1914 . . .*, 2 vols. (Bermuda: Juniperhill Press, 1989), 2:1415.

⁶¹ Hallett, *Early Bermuda Wills* [note 19], 615.

⁶² Henry C. Wilkinson, *Bermuda in the Old Empire* (London: Oxford University Press, 1950), 369, 385, 440.

⁶³ Hamilton, *Tuckers of Virginia* [note 21], 65, 218 n. 75 (original sources reviewed in the Tucker–Coleman Papers, Special Collections, Earl Gregg Swem Library, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia).

⁶⁴ Hallett, *Early Bermuda Wills* [note 19], 615.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, 535.

⁶⁶ A. C. Hollis Hallett, *Early Bermuda Records, 1619–1826 . . .* (Bermuda: Juniperhill Press, 1991), 122.

⁶⁷ Sanders, *Barbados Marriages* [note 43], 1:130.

⁶⁸ Susannah's surname is found in the Ancestral File but has not been confirmed. There was an Ostrehan family on Barbados.

⁶⁹ Sanders, *Barbados Baptisms* [note 50], 1:180.

⁷⁰ Burial, St. Michael Parish Church, ref RL/1/2/275, Barbados Department of Archives, courtesy of Geraldine Lane (see note 48).

John³ Tudor was probably the John Tudor who came to New York City between 1730 and 1739,^[71] having married [third?] **MARY** _____. John Tudor died in New York City 6 August 1773 in his 73rd year, and was buried in Trinity Churchyard there.^[72] His widow Mary died there 10 May 1776.^[73]

Child of John³ and Susannah (Ostrehan?) Tudor:

- i. CECILIA⁴ TUDOR, b. 3 Nov. 1723, bp. St. Michael's, Barbados, 19 March 1723/4.^[74]

Children of John [probably John³] and Mary (_____) Tudor:^[75]

- ii. SAMUEL TUDOR, b. say 1730; d. after 22 April 1785;^[76] m. MARY _____.^[77]
- iii. THOMAS TUDOR, b. on or about 28 Nov. 1736 (from age at death); d. 9 Feb. 1770, age 33 years, 2 months, 11 days, bur. Trinity Churchyard, New York City.^[78] He m. MARY _____.^[79]
- iv. ANNA TUDOR, b. on or about 12 Sept. 1738 (from age at death); d. 25 Sept. 1739 age 1 year, 13 days, "daughter of John & Mary Tuder," bur. Trinity Churchyard, New York City.^[80]

⁷¹ John Tudor apparently was not in New York City in February 1730 [probably 1730/1] (Julius M. Bloch, Leo Hershkowitz, and Kenneth Scott, "New York City Assessment Roll, February, 1730," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 95 [1964]:27–32, 166–74, 197–202). John Tudor's daughter Anna was buried in New York City in 1739 (see below).

Perhaps he was the John Tuder, merchant, who was made a freeman of New York City on 12 January 1747/8 (*Burghers and Freemen* [note 18], 160). However, this record could also refer to John⁴ Tudor of Bermuda (see above), who was described on 11 November 1748 as a merchant residing in New York City (see note 61). John⁴ Tudor was back on Bermuda by 20 March 1761 (Hallett, *Early Bermuda Wills* [note 19], 615), though he evidently made other visits to New York City (e.g., see note 63).

⁷² Kenneth Scott, *Genealogical Data from Colonial New York Newspapers* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1977), 176. His age at death was understated by a few years, assuming he was identical with John³ Tudor.

⁷³ *Ibid.*, 203.

⁷⁴ Sanders, *Barbados Baptisms* [note 50], 1:173.

⁷⁵ The evidence linking John Tudor as the father of Samuel and Thomas is only circumstantial: (1) They appear to have been the only men with these names in New York City records between 1730 and 1773; (2) "Samuel and John Tudor" were among the petitioners for a patent on 3 September 1770 (Berthold Fernow, *Calendar of Council Minutes, 1668–1783* [1902; repr. Harrison, N.Y.: Harbor Hill Books, 1987], 550); some of the other petitioners were descendants of Margaret² (Tudor) Nicholls; and (3) Samuel Tudor was the administrator of the estate of Thomas Tudor in 1774 (see below).

⁷⁶ Scott, *Genealogical Data from Administration Papers* [note 33], 81.

⁷⁷ Among their children was a son John, baptized 12 November 1769 (Hallett, *Early Bermuda Records* [note 66], 99). Samuel Tudor's widow Mary, "now or late of St. Kitts, formerly of New York," was mentioned in an 1808 Bermuda will (Hallett, *Early Bermuda Wills* [note 19], 615).

⁷⁸ "Records of Trinity Church" [note 13], 6:76.

⁷⁹ On 5 July 1774, Mary Tuder renounced administration of the estate of Thomas Tuder, in favor of Samuel Tuder, of New York City, merchant (Scott, *Genealogical Data from Administration Papers* [note 33], 322).

⁸⁰ "Records of Trinity Church" [note 13], 6:75.

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